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#### THE DYING YEAR - 1876.

BY REV. M. TRAFTON, D. D.

The old year is dving, alas! alas! The old year is dying to-day; A few moments more, and his form shall

pass Through the portals dark, where the crowding mass Of his forefathers passed away. He is feeble and old, wrinkled and gray,

His locks are white as the snow; Dying alone - none wish him to stay; He has outlived his friends; not one left

"God bless you!" - With the dead let him

But yesterday saw him, in bright robes clad An infant all blooming and fair; Around him a crowd so hopeful and glad, Not an eye was blurred, not a heart wa

As they gazed on the wonder there. What fullness of promise flashed from his

What gifts filled his dimpled hands ! Wealth for the poor, for the loser a prize; The creamer shall wake with a glad sur

Hope marshals her joyous bands

We waited and longed, as the winged hours For the fruitage of budding and bloom.

'Till the vertical sunbeams fell, and we knew The morning promise had proved untrue,

Up to this hour of noon. And his friends fell off, with looks of scorn And rushed from the old to the new;

Some cursed him, and wished he had neve The rose of his promise, some said, was

To pierce them through and through. The sun declined, and his last beams there

Gave a glint to the mountain's brow; And only the hearts now stung by de And quivering lips that breathe a prayer For death, are with him now.

30 let him pass, whether false or true; Without curse let him pass away: He has done the best that a year can de. Can the same be said of me or you -Our best in each passing day?

### DURBIN, JANES, M'CLINTOCK.

BY REV. A. STEVENS, LL. D.

It has pleased God to bless Methodism, from the beginning, with a special class of men - great men - many of or State. Wesley, Coke, Fletcher, Benson, Adam Clark, Watson, Bunting, Newton, and others, are lofty historic personages in the annals of the denomination, on the other side of the Atlantic. On this side have been Asbury, McKendree, Soule, Bascom, Summerfield, Olin, Fisk, Bangs, Janes, Durbin, M'Clintock, and not a few others, now among the fore us afresh, and it seems but yester-

day that we lost him. Ous series of such men, must have some- medieval Europe. His conservatism food and lodging for silver "bits" to likes and personal antipathies, he could to do what he is told that Christ, his thing in it tending to greatness of char- was too inexorable; but his quiet self- chance travelers. The universal charge stoop to ways, which, if not exactly Pattern, did, he is constantly butting manding them. Moreover, their lives harm. If it gave a sort of narrowness ten for lodging, ten for breakfast, and piously non-principled. become an interesting lesson which the to some of his opinions, yet his moral ten for horse-keeping. In fifteen min-

Church may well ponder. bin, but could say much more. He was nificence, in his working powers and an ominous cackling and squalling in check, and no especial manifestations finally gives up such a literal attempt one of the characteristic products of plans. He had St. Paul's convictions among the feathered gentry, and in half of Cartwrightism made their appear- at Gospel practice, and makes a more American Methodism - a man who of the theological and practical princi- an hour more we were served to a sumpt- ance. On Sunday the Bishop preached spiritual one - with no better success! could, probably, have never risen in ples of Christianity, and St. Paul's work- uous meal of hot biscuits, hot corn- to an immense out-door congregation Going to London, he tell his story, and any other Church; for his early circum- ing heroism. His style was severe and bread, hot coffee and fried chicken. (no church would contain the crowds), gains over some companions. They of a loving Father to His children; a Christ stances and personal disadvantages not elegant ("style is the man"); he Methodist preachers were universally in an auditorium rudely extemporized have all things in common, and engage stances and personal disadvantages not elegant ("style is the man"); he were such as Methodism could alone had little intellectual, or sesthetic, but accommodate, in the period of Ameri- perfect moral, taste. He would not people scot free. At one place the dogs oan history in which his public life be- read a novel, however good; and pro- were trained to catch chickens when pure in heart for they shall see God"— seemingly hostile to the spirit of Chris- known continent toward which, like anothgan. It is difficult to describe him to scribed, it is said, even Bunyan's Pil- strangers arrived and called for dinner. a glow of satisfaction pervaded the aua reader who never heard him; and to grim's Progress, because it is a "fic. One day a couple of black coats knocked dience, especially the clerical portion form a vile criminal, but gets involved sea, but a haven and home where our coma reader who never heard him; and to grim's Progress, because it is a "fic. One day a couple of black coats knocked dience, especially the circuit portion form a vice criminal, out gets in vice dience, especially the circuit portion of it. Now, thought we, we shall have as an accomplice in his crimes, and is do him real justice one is compelled to tion." He passed twelve times, on his at the door while the family was away. do nim real justice one is compelled to the ruffian himself be apparently somewhat invidious, if not disparaging. He was, we think, as not disparaging. He was, we think, as not disparaging to look apparently somewhat invidious and solve the ruffian himself for his generous intentions. He sucception is at the door while the lamily was away. Of it. It was a little of their warmth were transformed to our synagogues and temples.—

God no longer the Unknown, but "our Father than himself the warmth were transformed to our synagogues and temples.—

The dogs, however, started off instantly refutably argued and lucidly illustrated formed to our synagogues and temples.—

The dogs, however, started off instantly refutably argued and lucidly illustrated formed to our synagogues and temples. eloquent a man as ever appeared in the at that greatest organ of God's worship on the usual hunt for poultry, and hav. by a master of its polemics, and a discoverage appeared in the at that greatest organ of God's worship on the usual hunt for poultry, and hav.



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sion, except his eye, when it flashed in possible for him to hasten by it.

those surprising, sudden bursts of elo-

veyed to readers who never heard him. cal art. any very remarkable intellectual advantages. He had educated himself, a thorough student of Wesley's serand did so bravely and persistently; but his intellectual range was not large,

and, though he was much addicted to sermon some startling hypothesis, he we conceive, in the denomination. He early edited a book on them and their

eemed a miracle of eloquence, but in bad sentence of English.

church at the beginning of his discourse, no one who heard him fifteen minutes ever thought again of his defects, till the preaching was over, and then only to wonder at and admire the marvelous contrast of the defects and splendors of the sermon.

One of the most eloquent preachers tion: and we doubt not that the Church, now that he is gone, regrets any dis-

of this article, as among the most emi- was not large, but his piety was intense, ence, held that year at Paris, four days men whom the world calls "distingrave, but the late appearance of his energy was always on fire, but with a company, while some of the party ing strata of solid limestone and crum-A cause that produces a continu- or a Pope, had he been a Catholic in fered hotel hospitalities, and dealt out and even to gratify whims, personal We have already heard much of Duralways a certain grandeur, a real mag-

quent without being an orator - if we indication, however heroic his devotion use the two words in their ordinary ap- to his work. Even he, and all men plications. His personal appearance like him, could do better work, for takwas inferior; his head small, with hard- ing the little leisure necessary for such ly an intellectual indication; his features a sight, or for the cultivation of the quite devoid of any remarkable expres- taste which would have rendered it im-

As a preacher, Janes had much of the quence which no one who heard him disadvantage of Durbin, in respect to ever forgot. His voice was not affected, voice and manner. His voice was not like that of Janes, by disease, but it weak; at times he could make it ring was naturally defective; it has been like a clarion; but it was broken, aldescribed as "whining." He habitu- most "squealing." Yet he was one of ally drawled, except in the brief inter- the most powerful preachers in the devals when he was electrified, and elec- nomination, and as powerful a platform trified all his audience by the sudden speaker. In most of his sermons, and in his cabin — and said, as he took away ed Nast's portfolio with caricatures for things," he comes to the conclusion outbursts to which we have alluded, and still oftener in his speeches, there was of which no adequate idea can be con- some grand thought or other-some heroic phrase, or remarkable illustra-He had no oratorical gestures. No man, tion, which gave character to the whole in fine, that we have known, was ever discourse, and could never be forgotten. so eloquent with so little use of oratori- He had a singular capacity to render interesting and edifying the simplest These personal and vocal disad- train of thought. His style, of both vantages were hardly compensated by thought and language, was notably manly, well-educated, a fine orator, a wright descended to his vulgarest and commune, insanely regarding this mad and science, and the natural religion which grows out of them suffice to answer many Weslevan. We doubt not that he was

mons. Of M'Clintock how much could we say, had we room! But we can men- cetic in religion. Some queer stories tirade. "Brother Cartwright," said he, His faithful Magdalen gets shot as a nunger on the manna of Revelation; and original speculation, and apparently tion him now, only to refer the reader used to be affoat respecting his over- "will you pray?" The old frontiers- petroleuse. He escapes to England, sought to introduce into almost every to Crook's Memoir. We never knew a much religiousness. Sue B., of Spring- man glowered at the Bishop a moment but is there trampled to death by an more generous heart than his - more field, Illinois, told the writer, with a overhisiron-rimmed spectacles, kneeled enraged mob, on suspicion of being an tian Leader. was not a profound thinker. He never hopeful, more forgiving, more cordial. girl's exaggeration, doubtless, that down and repeated the Lord's prayer, atheist, a communist, and a democratic could have become a critical and au- His intellect was of the broadest, clearthoritative theologian; and it was the est kind. His culture was the most times a day" for worship during a brief distrust of his soundness, or safety, that perfect, we are inclined to think, that sojourn of Bishop Hamline in the houseled our guiding minds to hesitate about has yet adorned our ministry. He was hold. En route for a Conference, the sevhis promotion, till his rare executive often very eloquent in the pulpit, or on eral wagon-loads of preachers that conability, as college president and Presid- the platform, but public speaking was stituted the Bishop's cortege were called there to pray; when I am in Confering Elder, forced them to recognize his not his best forte; his pen was his to alight at every timber-shade they unparalleled competence for the mission-ary secretaryship—the grandest office, as foundly regretted, that ill health (some-became so irksome that "Charley Elliby being called on to pray." what exaggerated by "nervous" ap- ott" put a stop to it by a shrewd, charwas fond of the natural sciences, and prehension) and habitual devotion to acteristic device far more witty than elpractical schemes, absorbed so much egant. relations to theology, but he did not his time as to deprive him of the opporkeep pace with their rapid progress. tunity of producing any durable litera- Bishop Hamline held the reins tightly, His style was inelegant, if not feeble, ry monument of his superb intellect. and he did not succeed as editor of the His Methodology is an imperfect ly conducted. No ascetic abbot of the Christian Advocate at New York. His production, reported from his lectures 'Travels" are well written, but it is by a student. His sermons are a simiwell known that M'Clintock (then one lar report of extempore discourses. of his professors at Carlisle) gave them His Cyclopedia is a grand work, but ing, political convention, a Tammany his own style. His occasional published like all such publications must disapmob, beside this thoroughly controlled mon on Washington's birthday, deliv- English ever presented by an American ered in the national capitol, produced writer. He never wrote (as he himself an extraordinary sensation; it was es- said of his friend, Dr. James Floy,) a

print it commanded no attention. But Such, in brief, are three of the most all these detractions only prove the notable recent characters in the already greatness of his eloquence. His pulpit numerous and imposing portrait gallery power was in spite of them. Though of Methodist history. We have but desmany a hearer, to whom his reputation ignated, not described them. They was unknown, has bastened out of the will render forever conspicuous our epoch in that history.

#### THE ILLINOIS CONFERENCE OF 1846.

BY REV. E. WENTWORTH, D. D.

By an exercise of episcopal prerogawe have ever had, he was also one of live, barely tolerated in these liberal to his sway. He had good judgment, our greatest executive officers. The days, three men were intruded upon the Church never possessed a more able Illinois Conference at its session in 1846, collegiate president, and seldom as able without previous consultation with the a Presiding Elder. In the missionary Conference, or its cabinet of elders. secretaryship he was almost matchless. They were cordially welcomed, never-The New York Methodist speaks feeling theless, because they came, not to take ly of his treatment, as a candidate for the "first appointments," but to officer with his most side-splitting anecdotes Under pretense of reducing Christ's the episcopate. Unquestionably he the Conference college - McKendree would have been a capital Bishop. His at itinerant preachers' salaries. The the gravest of presiding officers, yet I of a book was made to involve himself national reputation, his pulpit power, new professors reached Lebanon in Auand his administrative ability, would gust of that year, and painted and whitehave honored, transcendently, that fune- washed the presidential mansion—a laughter, which he strove in vain to death. Let us briefly outline him: long, low, narrow, white, wood cottage, situated at the head of a beautiful campalmost any position, whether of Church paraging treatment he may have suffered us, and suitably besprinkled with pardistant, on the east side of the State. guished," greatness and meekness alterenergy so qualified it, that there was utes after we rode up to a cabin in the ence, owing to Bishop Hamline's in-

returned!

"Good night, brethren, I reckon as how ing.

type of a low Churchman, and an as- disgusted, and sought to head off the to death for professing faith in Christ. satisfied with husks. It can only feed its

During the first week of the session and the Conference was most religiousmiddle centuries ever kept his monks under more strenuous discipline. A modern General Conference is a brawl-

among the new transfers, on arriving at the Conference, to see Peter Cartwright, known to them mainly through found an old bear. His face was as undue levity. roughly corrugated as a piece of hemlock bark, and of a kindred color; behind shaggy, overhanging brows his coals; his voice was lond and positive; plicitly to follow. and, for years, he ruled his Conference with an iron will, driving out of it those who would not be silent or submissive joined with keen perceptions; was generally right, and often in minorities; he never decided a subject till he had sought out, to bring Christianity into "drawn a bead on it;" he was jolly, discredit with the ignorant? sportive, witty, and in dead earnest, while he convulsed deliberative bodies novel attempt of the kind was made. and jokes. Bishop Janes was one of precepts to an honest practice, the hero

suppress or control, the unwilling vic- Reared up in a rural parish of Entim of Cartwright's resistless, mirth- gland, he accepted all the precepts he

chicken on the place before the family sonal experience. How could we fail neighbors for practicing the only ef-The second night out, we slept, four- were doomed to disappointment! Never taking her into his own house. He teen of us, on the floor of a log cabin was there a more desperate failure in sets up a night-school for the loose vilnished three-fourths of the faculty of making those grotesque mouths at the adrift on the streets with none but his McKendree college with a single, nar- congregation for which he was famous poor Magdalen to befriend him. row, rickety bed — the best to be had — face-twists that would have furnish- "Deeply meditating upon those the light (the only one on the premises), a month; and so Sunday went for noth- that Christianity will stand no chance through the seen to the unseen, and learn

you will have a right smart chance of a The effect was visible as soon as Con- utterly revolutionized from top to botscringe (crowd) there before morning!" ference opened on Monday morning. tom. Caste and property are its deadcringe (crowd) there before morning!" ference opened on Monday morning.

The Conference session was presided Hamline was at a discount; Cartwright ly antagonists. These must be swept and one which has never been so fully satisover by Bishop Hamline, unknown, ex- rampant. Then occurred that singular away with the dead-level roller of fra- fied as in the person of Mary's gentle Soncept by repute, to the rising generation. scene which Milburn made famous in ternity and communism. He accord. There may be those who, in the future as He was portly, dark-featured, gentle- his "Rifle, Axe and Saddle-bags." Cart- ingly hastens to Paris, and joins the now, will continue to claim that philosophy littérateur, a lawyer, a judicious and coarsest, and talked, as no other man delusion as the harbinger of the speedy sprightly editor, a finished rhetorician, but himself ever did to a respectable conversion of the world. But here his a courtly presiding officer, the lowest audience. Hamline was shocked and fate is worse still. He is nearly beaten The world calls for bread, and will not be their family was called together "eleven got up, and assailed the chair with a agitator; and all this, says the book, When I go to prayer-meeting, I go ence I am there to do Conference business, and don't want to be interrupted

"Brother Cartwright," rejoined the Bishop, in his softest, most imploring, the day, as are well calculated to be- inquiry room, meditating on his past life, and most deprecatory tones, "Brother Cartwright, are you sanctified? Are you growing in grace?"

with an indescribably grim ludicrousness of tone and manner that rendered "audible smile;" and poor Bishop Hamline was annihilated!

Two days after, Conference adjourn-There had been a lively curiosity and singular ways. We went West expecting to see an old woman; we solemnity was followed, as usual, by tianity?

### A CUNNING DEVICE.

BY PROF. J. P. LACROIX.

Will there be any end to the devices

Not long since a very ingenious,

heard in Sunday-school and from the in this respect, if any such there were. lor, sitting-rooms, dining-room, and Like a considerable class in the pulpit, in perfect faith, and undertook, It is said that he felt it, though with kitchen. Having attended a camp- Church to-day, Cartwright was a po- really and literally, to practice them all quiet submission. But we do not think meeting or two, one of which was en- litico, or, more properly, an ecclesi- through the seven days of the week. he could have been better placed than livened by what Artemas Ward would astico-religionist, whose cardinal belief He humbly asks his vicar, e. g., why where he was -at the head of our have called the "cheerful" murder of was in God and Peter Cartwright, and he and his brethren do not live as great missionary enterprise throughout one of the best and oldest Methodists in Methodism as the organic embodi- Christ and the disciples did; and he in the region, because he interfered with ment of this duality. Ordinary men he gets miserably snubbed in consequence. Janes was a man of supreme indi- the pastime of a drunken youngster who regarded as pawns, food for battles and He takes home a poor, fallen girl, and viduality. He had studied much, but had a weak fondness for stoning camp- gunpowder — any fate that would pro- asks his mother to do Christ's work read little—studied for the law, and meetings, they hired sundry teams, sin- mote the ends of the grand central over the reprobate. Trusting to the last three we have placed at the head also the medical faculty. His culture gle and double, and started for Conferserpent's bites," he eats poisonous berries, and nearly dies from their efhas been some time in his honored Quietist among the old Mystics. His Half a dozen wagons traveled in nated in his character like the alternat-Memoir, by Crooks, brings him up be- steady, white heat. He would have followed the favorite mode of the oling shale at Niagara Falls. At times bitten. He talks so much sincere rebeen invincible as a military com- frontier, and rode horseback. In that he was grandly right and sublimely ligion to the Christian doctor who attavernless region every log cabin of- great, and at times, to earry his points, tended him, that he gets almost sent to a lunatic asylum. For honestly trying control prevented it from doing serious was ten cents for supper, ten for dinner, wickedly un-principled, were certainly his head against stone-walls, and incurring the censure of the very teachers whose precepts he was trying to

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American pulpit, and yet he was elo- on earth. This was no commendable ing no one to call them off killed every tinguished tester of its truth by per- dalen; but he loses repute among his to be edified in mind and heart? We fectual means of saving her, to wit, by the time wherein God is more manifestly of ordinary size. We preached to a the way of argument, illustration, or lains that swarm in his neighborhood. labor, your personal appeals, your prayer, neighborhood congregation in the even- emotional arousement - everything But said villains prove turbulent, and and your faith, discover how every young ing, and were most bountifully fed and that belongs to a sermon. The Bishop kick up such rows that finally the police person can be brought to a joy and a peace, most royally entertained, without price. having failed, it would not be good arrest him; and he is thrown for a and the vestibule of a life better and deeper Where the family bestowed themselves, manners for anybody else to succeed, month into prison on charge of har-that ever seduced a Church to sleep or dewhether in garrets or hay-ricks, I never and so Charley Elliott failed as signally boring disorderly persons. For this lay when Christ passed so near to her porin the afternoon as the Bishop had in course his landlady shuts him out of tals and would fain have entered in saving Next night a hospitable Methodist furthe morning. He spent his hour in her premises, and he finds himself and abiding power. - Northwestern.

of success in the world until society is something of the character of Deity and of

speech something like the following: for being a more honest practicer of "Bishop, prayer-meeting is prayer- Christianity than the pretended ortho- Think of the excitements and the excesses meeting, and Conference is Conference. dox preachers of the same, them- of their former lives; the excitements of selves! is only too apparent; and it would not and ruined homes, while sin and trangresdeserve notice were it not that it has

wilder the simple-minded. Let us notice, then, the pretexts it has for its assaults upon modern Chris-eight thousand souls at the Tabernacle, "In spots," replied the old joker, tianity. It cites five essential features night after night, and Sabbath after Sabbath in which modern religion and modern listening for hours to God's messages of sal-Churches are directly antagonistic to the vation, or catching the last dying strains of it impossible not to join in the general precepts of Christ and of the New Tes- melody in a stillness so profound that every tament. These five points are, nonresistance, alms-giving, improvidence, and amid these vast assemblages of all denunciation of wealth, and commun- classes of people, peace, order, harmony,

sermons disappointed all readers, not only in style, but in contents. His sermon on Washington's birthday, delivso much as of a herd of school boys ble the case is! For all these five things, cultivated and select few, in their elegant bounding from school-house restraints how much plain, direct Scripture may drawing-rooms, and their most consecrated with shouts and hurrahs. The influ- be cited! But what now is the resolu- sanctuaries more marked by perfect decoence of that passage-at-arms was felt tion of the difficulty? How shall we rum, and free from every approach to anythroughout the Conference, all the hold fast to these Scriptures, and yet thing like disorder or fanaticism, than these ed by excessive license. Unnatural intended, are not of the essence of Chris-

The solution of the matter is this: The moral of our tale is this, that Much of the New Testament is so college per year, a pound of sugar per week, and neither Cartwright nor Hamline was a ored with local references and with Ori- luxuries as coffee, and butter, and silks and model, whose characteristic manner a ental imagery, that its adaptation to laces, and the like, the Lord's treasury would two eyes glowed like Ezekiel's burning well-balanced man would choose im- modern society can only be found by be full to overflowing even in these hard

' Resist not evil." does not sanction its abuse. It insists his accountability to Him who will be the that "if any will not work, neither shall judge of quick and dead at the last great day. he eat:" and it does so as earnestly as the most modern economist could de-

Improvidence. "Take no thought for the morrow," only condemns a sinful distrust of the providence of God, and a forgetting of higher things than " food its coming, through the crashes of our storms, and raiment."

Denunciation of wealth. This falls not upon wealth itself, but only upon the idolatrous seeking it as an end. Communism. This was only partially practiced as a temporary convenience you in eternal peace. For from the cross to

n the peculiar local circumstances of the crown, Christ's own hand has written the the infant missionary Church. It is also changeless law of His kingdom, "more and prophetic ideal of how men might live, were all selfishness taken out of all hearts. It is a lesson of brotherly confidence. The real virtue in all these five points

is not lacking in the modern Church; and this is the virtue that in all of the points Christ and the apostles intended. The forms change, but the underlying spirit is the same in all times and

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## FROM OUR EXCHANGES.

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pone your sociables, your receptions, your parties, your merry-makings, and by your

soul must have its Christ. The longing of every heart is for power to look beyond the ing which men will ever have, let the comgrows out of them, suffice to answer man's questions as to God and human destiny; but this class, as to-day, will always be small. manifestation of His wisdom, love and power, it cannot give up its Christ. - Chris-

Excitement and extravagance indeed! Think of the excitements of sin and the devil from which these men are saved. street broils, of midnight revels in saloons, The hypocritical animus of the book of beer gardens and Sunday theatres, of broksion reigned. And then think of the solsuch an air of sincerity, and raises such emn, thoughtful, prayerful excitement of serious objections to the Christianity of the poor prodigal, come to his senses at the and resolving to go back to his Father's house! Think of the serious, subdued, reverential aspect of that great multitude of worshiper might think himself alone with God. During all these protracted meetings, audiences ever met in Chicago, even of the

If every Christian family in the land would deny themselves to the extent of a bound of would retrench only a little in the use of such extracting its true spirit and intention times. When Christians exercise self-denial, from the local, temporal, national husk the Word of the Lord will run very swiftly, in which they are imbedded. Thus:—

Non-resistance As private individual sheds its light on every soul that liveth. Non-resistance. As private individuals there is a good sense in which the of our largest denominations is obliged to anrepression of our instinct of self-defense nounce to the people for whom it acts, "we and self-justification is of noblest effect. dare not act till the treasury is replenished;" It is simply this over-haste (which too and another declares, " we have been forced often borders on retaliation and revenge) to postpone all appropriations until the mind that Christianity means by its precept, This is bringing the responsibility directly home to every one who professes and calls Alms-giving. This is a virtue under himself a Christian. No Christian can evade some conditions of society. Religion this responsibility, because he cannot evade

> Trouble, temptation, failures - these are the storms that sob along the valley. But more and more is the prophecy of the dawn. Past the hills of our vision, the white, victorious day of God is traveling toward His storm-beleaguered child. If we do not hear let us remember the light of God is sandaled with down. Sufferers waiting in the night, you may not hear its approach. But some day, darker than others perhaps, it will suddenly stand over you, its white gleam will transfigure the last cloud, and its tent fold more." - The Interior.

Probably most persons find the most perplexing questions of the Christian life in respect to their conduct in general society. If their associations did not bring them in contact with persons who differ with them in habit and indulge in customs inconsistent with Christian living, everything would go on smoothly enough. But one feels in a measure compelled to sacrifice his peculiarities and scruples to the rules of the company of which for the time be is a member. We have known persons under such circumstances play cards, indulge in dancing. drink wine and stronger liquors against their better judgment, inwardly protesting. Such concessions are ruinous to manliness character. To consent to anything against the conviction of one's conscience, in order to secure the good will of one's associates, is to destroy our souls. This accounts for the more rapid degradation of moral and religious men when they go astray. - Central Christian Advocate

We want to see some Moodyism introduced in the Jewish form of service, some enthusiasm, some life - and congregational singing is a simple and commendable step in the right direction. Camp-meetings may be sensational and ephemeral in their hold on sinners, but we have frequently wished

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

THE SPIRIT OF SLAVERY.

A LETTER PROM SOUTH CAROLINA. nst., Dr. E. Cooke and myself were on this disgraceful affair. business in Columbia, S. C., connected with the college at this place. We took passage for our return on the night train over the S. C. Railroad. which leaves Columbia at 7 o'clock. and arrives here about midnight. We noticed that the cars were more crowded than usual, but took our seats in the first-class car, designed for the use of were as usual occupying the car.

We had just left the city when a man came abruptly to my seat and gruffly asked who I was, what was my name, and how long I had been in South Carolina? On my quietly informing him that I lived in Orangeburg, and had was seated in a seat back of me. He put the Doctor through a set of interpointed by the Hampton legislature in-Doctor made the best of his unpleasant position, replying mildly. But it soon appeared that he had come to South Carolina from the State of Massachusetts, and had been but a short time, comparatively, in South Carolina. This was enough to make it certain that the Doctor was the man they were anxious to find. The insults and abuse that followed cannot be described. He was called a "d-son of a b-," and all the vulgar and insulting epithets that can be raked from the slang phrases of these low, grog-shop politicians. As all the passengers in the car seemingly approved of this attack upon us, I thought it a matter of prudence for me to escape from the car; Tilden and Hampton, I have heard only to those who have the ability to and I left, going into the second-class car just forward of the one we had been occupying. But I was soon followed and beset by these men, who wanted to know if I had not a son who of them fondly expect to recover in people, when thousands of ballots are had edited a radical paper, and where he was at that time? As he came to the cars with me, they probably thought he might be upon the train. They used language too foul and horrid to be repeated. They threatened to put me off the cars. On my saying fought in the recent civil war. They for protection, they said, "they did not care a d-for the conductor; that they ran this shebang." I was finally told the South, and the nature and purpose that they would give me twenty days of the leading politicians of this secto leave the State, and if I did not go in that time, they would come and give is as bitter and unrelenting as before

As the cars stopped at a station, and a favorable opportunity presented, I slipped from the car to the platform, he was constrained to take his part, for known to vote and act in sympathy he feared for the personal safety of the with the Republican party. One of old man. He said if it had been a the finest young men of this place was, young man, he should not have cared; recently, dangerously stabled in the but he had respect for age. I then neck and side, for the simple reason ventured to speak, and said to them, that he ventured to step between my ful efforts toward the evangelization of that such abuse on a quiet traveler was son and a ruffian who was seeking his a burning shame; that I knew the old life. In my late visit to Charleston, gentleman to be a very fine man in our people told me there that the reevery respect; and that I had been cent political excitement and trouble told that he voted for Hampton. This in the city had been more perilous to last remark seemed to have a very softening effect. One of them replied, "I dare say he did." They then had vine, but, unless there is a change for the word sent to the Doctor's assailants, that he voted for Hampton. The Doctor has since informed me that this here, will, in many respects, be more seemed to have a quieting influence, and he was told that was right, but he must get out of that "d-nigger school" (referring to the university), or they would come and give him h -.

I then tried my best to get the Doctor out of his unpleasant and perilous condition. I told the colored man in charge of the sleeping car, to get near enough to the Doctor, if possible, to whisper my name in his ear, and tell him I wanted to see him in the sleeping car. He entered the car some three times to do his errand, as so many were pressing around the Doctor must suggest to every true patriot and petty differences, and hand in hand he could not get at him; but he finally Christian of every party, questions of reached him, and the Doctor found a the greatest importance. lull in the storm and got safely into the

to sympathize with him. For nearly moral and intellectual civilization ever three hours the Doctor had endured this known to the human race, to be ruled row in my own field of labor. Let infliction of taunts and insults. These rowdies were armed, and their revolv- abiding citizens, or by the scum of Euers could be seen on their belts, or ropean countries which settles about harvest, and gain the reward. If the sticking from their pockets. They our great seaports, combined with evtook from the Doctor his hat, putting ery other element hostile to our free ignorant, suffering masses, the Church on an old slouched one in its place. institutions? Is the voice of the low-They demanded his coat, but he had in born sons of vice of our great metropit several hundred dollars, that he had olis, to overwhelm that of the hardjust drawn at Columbia from the treas- working brain and sinew of the State ly mission to interfere with the affairs urer of the Classin trustees, for the pur- at large? Must we acknowledge the pose of paying the contractors on the possibility of having the decision of tend wide her arms, and draw within new building. He felt reluctant to Massachusetts or California overruled give up that, and therefore held on to by the ignorant black masses of the tudes dwelling in vice and ignorance; his coat and money. They tried to Southern States, under the standard of compel him to take tobacco and whis- whatever party they may be massed? key, and apparently used every possi-

ble means to insult and irritate him.

vide me with a shelter for myself and that I was not the man he was looking sent me by some of the chivalry, that having applied to themselves. for, and then went for Dr. Cooke, who Hampton was elected, and I must pack up and leave. But our poor people rogations as though he had been ap- they love, so much as now—in good ad- present condition of American society, quisitor-general for the State. The Gospel only can afford. Many are be- the best means to overcome it. Your my best friends, that the only way for take to do business here, in which he depends in the least on the sympathy or co-operation of the Southern people,

> cent conflict of arms, they have now this victory of ballots, more than what they lost by the defeat in arms; and no man, Democrat or Republican, can make them understand, or believe, that what they have gained in the ballot is do not understand the North; and much less does the North understand tion. The spirit of party intolerance the war.

During the recent excitement over went upon the streets, colored men ted for the reason that they had been them than any period during the war. What will be the issue we cannot dithe better, we have reason to fear that deplorable than when in slavery They were then protected and cared for by the white people of the South as valuable property, and now their presence is intolerable, so long as they are

regarded as political enemies. A. WEBSTER. Orangeburg, S. C., Dec. 9, 1876.

A QUESTION OF THE HOUR.

cent national election, which has produced such a fever of excitement from centre to circumference of our country,

fathers to be the land of religious free-These Charleston gentlemen claimed dom, the chosen spot for the highest by the ballots of its intelligent, law-

A careful computation from the last census shows that forty per cent. of the The reader may be ready to ask, legal voters of the United States canwhere was the conductor? He was not read and write, or are classed as careful to keep away, apparently! We "illiterate." Now, it is not a task stream in this world, wherever they are asked the Charleston gentlemen why which requires much logical sagacity, the conductor would allow such work to estimate what a power this mass of all, if they are genuine, and above on the car? And they said in reply, ignorance can be, in the hands of whatthat his life would not be worth five ever party or set of leaders may gain or later, certainly be found. It is never cents if he should undertake to inter- control of it. A large proportion of it fere with these men. The man who has, time after time, shown its willinghad been one of the leaders in this ness to put its votes in the market to abuse, came to us, before we left the be sold to the highest bidder, while car, and apologized for his conduct, most of the remainder has been the pitsaying he should not have done as he iful victim of terror. To say the least, did but others in the car set him on, it is certainly a sad comment on our and urged him to do it. It turns out, national greatness, if the native-born ments.

respectable people of this place, and country's well-being at heart, must bow who knew Dr. Cooke and myself, had beneath the dictation of a corrupt and a hand in the affair; and among these ignorant ereign element; and also if a merchant of Orangeburg, who claims the true chivalry of the South must be MR. EDITOR: On Tuesday, the 5th to be respectable, aided and abetted in ruled by a possibly well-meaning but

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ignorant majority. Dr. Cooke says he does not regard Now, while we, with all true lovers his life safe, in traveling in this State; of justice and humanity, deprecate inand he shall not ride any more, at timidation and its attendant horrors, least on night trains. To attend my and feel deeply that the future peace quarterly meetings I am obliged to and safety of the nation demand a seride on night and day trains, and I pro- vere punishment of the disgraceful pose to continue my work while I can crimes of the recent sham elections in keep soul and body together, unless the Southern States, yet we can but relieved by the authorities of the sympathize with the feeling of abhorgentlemen and ladies, and both classes Church that took the responsibility of rence to having the social, commercial, putting me into this field of labor, and other great interests of this great against my personal preferences. As Southern country put suddenly in the the Church was short of means to pro- unskillful hands of this race just emancipated from the degradation of slavery. family, I drew upon the scanty drib- It may be easy to cry that they brought lets laid by from my meagre salary it on themselves, and that it is only while traveling in a Northern Confer- their just deserts, but it is establishing been a resident of the State for eleven ence, and purchased a place in which a principle that the intelligent citizens years, he seemed partially satisfied to live; but I have recently had word of New York and Boston shrink from

Now, we appeal to sensible men, i there is not apparently a great element never needed help from the Church of danger to our national life in the vice, and the consolations which the which demands a thoughtful study of ing turned from their homes, and de- humble correspondent dares not think nied the scanty favors they enjoyed be- himself competent to the final solution fore, for the reason that they would of this problem, but simply begs leave not vote the Democratic ticket! I have to express an opinion which has been been told by those who claimed to be given before, and doubtless exists in the minds of many of my readers. We me to live in the South was to go with believe that our only safety is in a nathe Democratic party. From eleven tional system of compulsory education. years' residence in the South, and ex- The government should require every tensive observation, I positively know State to educate those, at least, who that it is of no use for a man to under- are to become its legal voters; and in cases where States could not fully carry out the plan, the national government should grant its aid. Such a system unless he will endorse their political as that, we believe, would gradually pave the way for a provision by which Since the recent claimed election of the elective franchise should be given men again and again boast, that, although beaten by the North in the re- ject to this last idea, but, let me ask. what is the certainty of ever having beaten them at the ballot box. Many the elections indicate the voice of the cast by men who cannot tell the names on the ticket they cast, but are the mere dupes of unprincipled men?

But while we are waiting for the nation to take this important step for its not the cause for which they bravely own preservation — a step which it will not take till men rule its affairs who are influenced by love of country, rather than partisan prejudice - is there not a plain path of duty laid open before the Christian Church? My aim in writing this article has been, not to write as a politician, but to awaken thoughts in members of the Church of Christ which might lead to some effort the supposed Democratic victory, as I to settle this question by missionary labor. The Church has ever taken the slipped from the car to the platform, and went back and got into the sleeping car. I had been here but a short time, when three men came in from the other car, and commenced conversation. They said it was too bad to have been." They had been spotted as the sleep of the state in all projects for the would frequently come to me and say, "If you are obliged to leave here, you must let us go with you; for we are told that we are spotted, and we cannot live here." They had been spotted when the streets, colored the state in all projects for the elevation of humanity, and especially in the direction of education; and the Church has great reason to be thankful to the state in all projects for t lead of the State in all projects for the sponsibility, and has taken up and carried forward the work so well begun, thus leaving the Church more exclu- While darkness gathers round my path, sively to her own proper work. The Protestant Church of America

has made vast and eminently successthe world; but is it out of place to ask whether the home-work does not require greater attention, and if there is not danger that while America preaches the Gospel to the ends of the world, Still let me ever heavenward soar, there is no liability that she herself be- As days and years go by, come a castaway? It may be a fair And, oh! receive my soul at last question of debate, whether we cannot carry on both branches of our missionary work at the same time; but the main point before us is, whether our home needs are not at present more imperative than the foreign. The Protestant Church has many laborers and many schools in its city missionary work and among the freedmen, but when we see the magnitude of the work, the constantly increasing obstacles, and the pitifully inadequate means employed, our faith nearly fails us. Does it look as if the Church is awake A thoughtful consideration of the re- to her duty when such a large proportion of our Churches take no collection for the Freedmen's Aid Society? It is high time that Protestants forget their unite for this great work. One is very apt to lose all desire for proselyting Is this nation, destined by our fore- when engaged in this work of elevating the freedmen. Nothing would please me better than to see a large and prosperous school planted to-morthose who can do the most, of whatever denomination, take the sickle, reap the State will not do its duty towards its must lead the way. The State never should lay its hand upon the Church, nor should the latter leave her heavenof the former; but let the Church exher hallowing influences these multiand magnificent harvests of blessing will be gathered, both for the kingdom

> E. O. T. Good works constitute a refreshing found flowing. And behind them them, as their fountain, love will, sooner good works alone, but "love and good works" as a complex whole, which make the fountain and its flowing

of Christ and the nation of our choice.

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BOSTON PREACHERS' MEETING.

To Rev. Bishop I. W. Wiley, D. D. DEAR BISHOP: At the time of your removal West, the understand were appointed by the Boston Preachers' Meeting to respond to the farewell note you were pleased to send us through Zion's HERALD, and to arrange for the reception of your successor. As that reception has been delayed on account of Bishop Foster's official engagements, the committee have only at this moment been called together, which, we trust, will excuse the delay of our reply.

In behalf of the meeting, it affords us great pleasure to be able to reciprocate the expressions of interest and sympathy contained in your very kind and appreciative letter - a sentiment in which we feel sure our whole body of preachers and people throughout New England, will join us.

Your residence among us was a source of unusual pleasure and profit; and your departure from us, at a period when acquaintance was ripening into high regard and Christian affection, and when our Churches were coming to prize the services you were able, or disposed, to render our smaller as well as more important interests, is occasion of sincere regret. We had hoped you might long abide among us, affording us the pleasure of your society and of hat of your family, and the advantage of your counsel. But it was to be oth-

While we cheerfully acquiesce in the new arrangement as the order of Provdence, and therefore best, we can but eel sad that your impaired health should be the cause of it; and we beg to assure you of our sympathy in the affliction, and of an interest in our prayers that the great Head of the Church will restore you to entire soundness, and afford you many more years of usefulness in His cause.

While your residence may remain at distance, we are pleased to know that your official connection continues as heretofore with the whole Church. Our Methodism is one. Its common banner; borne by our chief officers, floats over the whole country. Our Bishops are general superintendents; they all pelong to us all.

As one of that noble body of chief pastors to whom are committed so grave and extensive interests, we may hope occasionally to see you on your rounds of duty, in New England; and you may be assured that the delightful associations of the past will ever cause your coming to be hailed with delight. With sentiments of high regard for

yourself and family, we remain, very raternally yours. WILLARD F. MALLALIEU. DAVID SHERMAN, DANIEL DORCHESTER, JOHN

SMITH, committee.

Boston, Dec. 9.

TRUST.

BY J. L. ORDWAY.

When bound with care, and worn with grief. And pain and anguish sore, I need Thee, Lord, the more: For Thou alone cans't ease my pain, And banish grief and care; And lead me, with my hand in Thine. Out of my dark despair.

Dear Lord! my spirit towards Thee flies I trust my burdens to Thy love. And find sweet peace and rest.

PASTOR'S STUDY BIBLE.

BY REV. J. O. THOMPSON.

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Then the style in which they are bound. The firm but soft and flexible Levant morocco, with protecting edges, and lining of kid, and the strong and durable silk sewing, make a book which it is a luxury to hold in the hand, and study and enjoy.

Any society wishing to make its pas tor, or any minister's wife desiring Bishop Simpson (Nelson & Phillips), to make her husband a Christmas or opens with an eloquent resume of the New Year's present which shall be "a last century's progress, and then rapjoy forever," can do no better than to idly sketches the growth of the Meththese beautiful and durable "Pastor's full corn in the ear of to-day. It com-

RAMBLES AMONG BOOKS.

third volume of his Crimea (Harpers). mous battle of Inkerman. The chief raging centre of the battle was but little over three hours. It began about 5.45 in the morning, and its greatest deeds were done by 9 o'clock, though it did not cease till nightfall. It is superbly told, as exact as a geometer, as World in All Ages; the Causes and rigorcus as a logician, as picturesque as a poet. Some of the hand-te-hand Central Illinois Conference. It handles fights are Homeric in description and its dreadful theme thoughtfully, prayervalor. The fall of Catheart is eloquently fully, intelligently, fortifying its theotold. Those who wish to learn how to ries with potent facts. It discusses po write should study this composition. lygamy, communism, fœticide, and oth-It is a perfect battle-piece. Thus he er forms of the social sin; opposes celidescribes Catheart's death: "In an in- bacy as a vow; and properly declares stant the conditions of his welfare so that regeneration and sanctification are changed that the bulk of God's reason- the only cures for social sin. The book ing creatures might well enough envy would do much good in many househim. For the great Deliverer came, withdrawing him from the agony of discomfiture, from censure, from controversy, from all the torments of life. and surrounded him at the last with a halo which the every-day world cannot give. While moving towards Maitland, Catheart all at once dropped from his saddle, and was blessed with a soldier's death." Compare Eothen and this volume, and you see the difference between glowing youth and bearded manhood. Each beautiful, how much more beautiful the latter!

Thrift, by Samuel Smiles (published by Harper & Brothers), is another and in no small respects the best of the admirable books for boys and youth which this industrious compiler and arable and very edifying; is full of wise saws and modern instances. It deplores improvidence as the chief of social evils, shows how workmen with good salaries throw away their living, condemns unsparingly the terrible drink curse, and by multitudinous hints and who will read and follow this book will become a wise, healthy, happy, honored man. Put it in the Sunday-school addition to the Bible scholar's library. with his other writings. A Rebel's Recollections, by George

It has nothing especially novel in it, but it declares the flood not yet abated, tion in the women. The chapter on ment and civil rights. The only con- logical library. fession is, We were whipped, out-mastered, and we acknowledge it. We the largest with the exception of Mr. Darof the Southland for that knowledge. Very powerful is The Devil's Chain,

twice the compass. Their large paper less vigorous. The first scene is a suiedition of the Teacher's Bible, with its cide of a lady of quality, and the seduc tion of a pious, pretty Methodist girl, sale in Boston by Lee & Shepard. page, on fine and thin, but opaque and both caused by gin; and so on and on, firm writing paper, with inch-wide till a sturdy iron-smith kills his wife margins, is of itself unsurpassed. The and six children in a drunken fit, and this edition, are probably the finest in in true business style. It concludes of a drunken captain. These are its last words: "The dismal crowd hogsheads of the same fiery spirit that brilliant and beautiful Princess, and had set this hellish blaze agoing. At drink demon were swallowed up in the yawning mouth of the relentless ocean." will do for England what Deacon Giles' Let every youth read these fiery pages. A Hundred Years of Methodism, by

rocure, at 23 Franklin Street, one of odistic seed from its germ, then to its of binding and prices, is in its line the columns. Every chief event in our plue Rhyme. This is the first poem, and is phiet by Robert Carter & Brothers.

suitable present for teacher, surerin- in the details, and the voluminous pages tendent, brother, sister, or anybody of Stevens are sketched in miniature. else, can be found. At least it is my Of course, there is no room for portraitures and all the vividness of elaboration. Yet it is not a naked skeleton. It often throbs with life. Its report of Nowhere in historic writing is there the debates on Church economy, and melody about the verses of Mrs. Dickinson such an elaborate and perfect story of a also on the slavery conflict, will be recbattle as Kinglake has given us in the ognized by the Church, as impartial and in an excellent spirit. Its tables of The whole book is devoted to the fa- statistics are numerous and valuable. For one who wishes a glimpse of the Methodism of our Church for a hundred years, this brief book will be found an invaluable epitome.

Very vigorous is the little essay en titled, Social Impurity the Sin of the Remedy, by Rev. J. J. Fleharty, of the holds and hands.

Our Book Table.

W. F. Draper, of Andover, publisher of the Bibliotheca Sacra, has made another very valuable addition to our Biblical, exegetical literature, by the publication of THE BOOK OF PSALMS; a New Translation, with Introctions and Notes Explanatory and Crit ical by J. J. Stewart Perowne, D. D., in two volumes, octavo, 534 and 477 pp., price \$7 50. The Contemporary Review says that Mr. Perowne's book is the standard English work on the subject; while the Guardian and Saturday Review bear unqualified tes timony to the scholarship and ability of the author, and especially to the judicial qualities of his mind, eminently fitting him for ranger has gotten up. It is very read- lent work is the extended prolegomena This embraces eighty pages of the first volume, and discusses with great clearness and fullness the lyric poetry of the Hebrews, the public and private devotional use of the Psalter, the theology of the Psalms, the probable origin and formation of the Psalter. and the inscriptions of the Psalms. Each Psalm is introduced with a critical and hisurgings and examples, seeks to build torical preface, a new and literal version is up a goodly being. The boy or youth given, the metrical form being preserved, and then a full exegesis of the verse follows The book is a monument of learning, dili-

Scribner, Armstrong & Co. issue an addi-Cary Eggleston (Hurd & Houghton), is AND HOMILETICAL COMMENTARY of Lange fair account of the South in the war. now being translated, and issuing under the editorial supervision of Dr. Philip Schaff. and contributes nothing valuable to the Daniel and Ezekiel. The books were "the The present volume contains the Books of history of the great Rebellion. Its vig- ologically and homiletically expounded" in nette is a dove with an olive branch, the German edition by Dr. Otto Zockler, and have been translated, enlarged and edited W. HAMILTON, L. B. BATES, CHAS. N. for it gives no hint of any reconstruc- by James Strong, S. T. D., of Drew Theological Seminary, assisted by other German The Temper of the Women declares, at to Daniel, the question of its canonicity, and Biblical scholars. In the prolegomena its opening, " I am very sure I have nev- authenticity, time of its production, and the er yet known a thoroughly reconstructed | whole controversy which modern criticism woman." As long as that is the case, has introduced, are fully and fairly considthe dove had better stay in the ark. No ered. The same exhaustive process as in previous volumes has been continued in this hint in all the pages is given as to any Each book of this great work is well-nigh recognition of the results of the war, an encyclopædia of everything that has been or acquiescence in the results, not even thought or written upon its contents. The emancipation, much less enfranchise- whole work is, of itself, a Biblical and theo-One of the leading original contributors,

don't intend to fight the flag any more, win, to the original facts upon which the unless we are sure of getting out from development theory is based, is Alfred Rusmodern generalizations in reference to the under it ; but recognition of the rights of sell Wallace, author of the Malay Archipel-Northerners to the soil, and especially ago. He now comes forward with a larger any recognition of any right of any contribution, in two noble octave volume man of any touch, the lightest, of entitled THE GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBU-African origin, is as far from "the reb. TION OF ANIMALS, with a study of the relaels" as when in flush of victory, and ting the past changes of the earth's surface, tion of living and extinct faunus, as elucidatfull of great and not unreasonable ex- with maps and illustrations. He discusses pectations. Mr. Eggles:on being a from ample data, the general phenomena of Northerner, and having probably left the distribution of animals, the effect of the South, can give us not disagreeable changes in the earth's surface upon them, reminiscences of war times; but the the nature of the extinct animals and their reminiscences of war times; but the present and the future are no part of "a distribution, the order of succession, the special fauna of various localities and coun-Rebel's Recollections," and probably, tries, the distribution of birds, reptiles, fish, artistically, ought not to be. You must insects, molluses, and a summary of the lines look to the press and pulpit and politics of migration of the different species. It is an illustration of the most painstaking observation, and is a great addition to the facts in natural science which are now forming DISCOURSES OF D. L. MOODY, with Sketches by Edward Jenkins, M. P (Harpers). the premises of so much discussion. Mr. of the Lives of Moody and Sunkey, by Abbie take into the pulpit, they are providing No equally powerfully portraiture of Wallace rather proffers the results of bis Clemens Morrow. Introduced by Rev. the horrors of drinking liquors has been investigations than multiplies theories; and Emory J. Haynes. Few men bear quoting tus for Bible study ever found even in ever drawn. Sargent's tales were far his valuable collections will afford a the better. His sermons are full of clear, sharp saurus of facts for both the scholar and the and striking sayings that cling to the memphilosopher. The volumes are finely pub- ory, and carry conviction with them. Some lished by Harper & Brothers, and are for of his illustrations are peculiarly impressive,

THE LIFE OF MARIE ANTOINETTE QUEEN OF FRANCE, by Charles Duke Yonge, of Queen's College, Beliast. Svo, teacher in the study of the next series of Intwelve new maps which they bind with the balance sheet is carefully made out 473 pp. New York: Harper & Brothers. For sale in Boston by Lee & Shepard. In the market, far surpassing all that I with the ship burned at sea by neglect the Edinburgh Review for October is an the services of Rev. F. N. and Mrs. M. A. interesting paper upon the volumes of the secret correspondence between the Austrian queen, Maria Thèrése, and her ambassado watched in fearful suspense, for they at the French court, and also with her knew that deep down in the hold lay daughter, Marie Antoinette, then the young, wards Queen of the French, edited by D'Arnett and M. A. Geoffroy. These vollength there was a short preliminary burst, then another, then a fierce explosion, and the wail and outcry of per- ing the characters of the chief and suborishing mortality went up to heaven dinate actors in those memorable reigns, through the storm, as the victims of the form the foundation of the memoirs of Yonge. It is the record of a fascinating and terrible period in the history of the Frerch people and court. The gradual climax of In one hundred and sixty-three pages pride, oppression and folly occurs as this there is packed a dynamite power that volume closes. It ends in a crimson tragedy. hurls all social drinking to atoms. Class-leader and priest, big brewer and Oxford scholar, are all made to reveal the the Dauphin, is thrown, in the last chapter, was escorted into it to become the wife of hideous results of this drink devil. It a headless trunk into a pit in the common cemetery. This interesting volume gives a distillery did for America - begin the full account of the times, and of the person war against this most devilish of devils. ages of the two reigns, and fellows along. with a rapid and vivid portrayal, the suc ceeding events, from the marriage to the throne and to the scaffold. The errors and weaknesses of the queen are forgotten in the noble temper and words with which she bmitted finally to her terrible fate. The

Dodd & Mead publish in a beautiful form

memorable era of history.

that some of those who claimed to be citizens and all others who have the REPLY TO BISHOP WILEY BY THE equally to be praised, and no other 30 organization and growth finds its place a very touching story of a little mountain attempt to gather wild flowers. The other poems have appeared in Various periodicals. The graceful pen of the author has often arrested the attention of the cultivated reader in our columns. There is a general regularity of measure, a calm repose, and a sweet The pretty volume will make a fine Christ-

The youngsters in the family, both masculine and feminine, are well cared for the present season by the publishers. Lockood, Brooks & Co. send out a very handsome small quarto, of 211 pp., printed on ly illustrated by J. W. Champney, entitled IN THE SKY GARDEN. It is written by L'zzie W. Champney, a pupil of Miss Maria Mitchell, to whom the book is handsomely dedicated. It is a series of well-told fables. in which some of the wonders of the starry universe are disclosed in a way to greatly interest and to instruct, also, average boys and girls.

J. B. Lippincott & Co. publish THE PRAT-TLER FOR BOYS AND GIRLS. It is an attractive picture story-book, edited by "Uncle Herbert." It is crowded with fine illustrations, which will divide the interest with the nice, short tales in verse and prose that

Apples of Gold is Vol. V of the beautiful child's paper published for the American Tract Society, Boston, by Lockwood, Brooks & Co., which forms a delightful present for he voungest of the family.

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From the same publishers we have a new osthumous volume from the pen of Dr. Edmund H. Sears. It is entitled CHRIST IN THE LIFE; with a selection of poems. Mr. Sears, from his earliest publications, has been a very attractive and instructive writer to us. His sweet and devout spirit and his sincere earnestness pervade everything he writes - sermons, essays or hymns. The body of this beautiful volume is a collection sermons. They embody the central truths of the Gospel, as Mr. Sears apprehended them. They all revolve around the person of the Lord Jesus Christ, Mr. Sears held very nearly to Mr. Bushnell's views of t em in his sermon in this volume, upon this doctrine. The sufferings of Christ were those of a pure, loving father or mother whose heart breaks over the ruin of a child and whose life is a voluntary and actual sacentailed upon them by his vicious course. His views of the Trinity are those now quite freely put forth by so-called orthodox pens - a three-fold manifestation of God as Father, as Son, as Holy Ghost, an apprehension of which, in its triune form, is indispensable to efficacious faith and a consecrated life. However different the symbols we use in the interpretation of the New Testament from these, no reader can fair of being profited by the intense earnestness, the deep and broad piety, and the heavenly spirit that inform the whole volume. Mr Sears' hymns are some of the best of our modern sacred lyrics.

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Wm. F. Gill, of Boston, publish, in a very handsome quarto, the familiar spiritual war-song of Mr. Moody's meetings, HOLD THE FORT. Each verse is significantly, and in most cases happily, illustrated, by Miss Humphrey and Mr. Lewis. The music, by volume is an interesting one, and covers a P. P. Bliss, is also given. It is a very attractive little volume, and will be a favorite holiday gift.

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Dickinson. It makes a small quarto of 102 ment of THE DEVELOPMENT HYPOTHESIS pages, and is entitled EDELWEISS; An Al- bas been published in a well-bound pan-

### The Christian World.

#### MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT. WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY | statement for the uniferent July 1, 1876, is as follows: SOCIETY.

The New England branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society held its third quarterly meeting in the vestry of Bron field Street Church Wednesday, Decen, ber 13th. A good audience was present, attracted thither by their permanent interest in the missionary work; but especially drawn by the "possibility" of meeting Miss Swain, M. D., one of the first two ladies sent out by this society.

The president, Mrs. Dr. Patten called the meeting to order, and introduced Chaplain McCabe, whose sunny face and sunnier voice are always and everywhere welcome. He sang the opening hymn of praise. Mrs. Sweetser, of Melrose, read the fortieth Total disbursements in plue years.... \$582,006 90 chapter of Isaiah in so earnest and im- What has been done the past year? (1.) pressive a manner, that the Word of By the statement just read it will be seen the Lord seemed like a prophecy fresh that we have collected and disbursed from the lips of Him "who seeth the \$58,204.75. end from the beginning." Prayer was offered by Mrs. Richards, of Webster, amid great sacrifice and persecution, to after which Chaplain McCabe led the train ministers to preach the Gospel and audience in singing, " Nearer, my God, teachers to instruct the young. to Thee.

read and approved. From these reports we gather a few facts. There is day-school work, and nearly all the males no decrease in the activity and zeal preach on the Sabbath. which have hitherto characterized the raised up; and when the hands of any have become weary, another has

| Make speeches, and take the lead in all enterprises for the elevation of the people. | grasped the pen and pushed the con-sufficient education, they go out into destipriations; but only this. Two thousand than themselves. dollars must be raised before February 10th, in order that we may close the 10th, in order that we may close the year by those instructed in our schools; year without embarrassment. The so successfully does this work perpetuate secretary earnestly exhorted all to bring itself. freely their tithes and offerings into the (8) Our school property in the South is storehouse, that the treasury of the worth more than \$200,000, and constitutes a Lord might be full. New efforts should permanent investment for this important be made that old fields may suffer no work. lack, and that the new fields everywhere opening may be entered and tire cost of the building being \$20,000. The occupied for Christ.

ed in a prosperous condition. Letters were read from all the missionaries of our work in the South, and if the Society the Branch. Miss Dr. Combs, of the had done nothing else, this alone would am-Peking mission, in a very appreciative ply compensate for all the labor, expendi-letter, commended Miss Campbell to

woman's work in the Church was tute at Jacksonville, Florida, have also been read by Mrs. Rev. N. T. Whitaker. paid the past year. woman had been equal to the demands them have decided to enter the field so soon made upon her, and the writer very as their preparatory studies are completed. ties which could not be ignored.

in an address of great beauty and force, riches of Christ? winning all hears; and, we expect the future will show, stirring all to new efforts for God and humanity. The gifted woman into this work of moving others by her ready words, but the last month has seen her fairly commit- now ending. Please read it. ted to the new cause, and we expect a N. E. CONFERENCES - FREEDMEN'S AID rich harvest will, through her instrumentality, be gathered into the garner of the Lord.

The meeting, up to this point, had been one of interest, but all knew that the best of the wine was for the last of the feast. Miss Swain was present and every one cared more to look upon her through whom God had accomplished so much, than to hear the most eloquent but she impressed all as one wedded to sympathizing with every effort for the good of the race.

The next day, in a meeting with the by only 56 out of every 100 Churches. Executive Board, she related incidents, giving those present a vivid impression of many customs among the natives, and of the difficulty of reaching with Last year the society struggled almost Gospel truth those who are so shut in heart-broken with the immense difjoy to a return to her chosen field of so well knows how to give. C. B.

Rev. Joseph Cook, of Boston, said in one of his Monday lectures recently that men are strangely full of company sometimes, when before the mirrors of high self-appreciation. Sydney Smith, for instance, calling on a nobleman once, passed through a room full of mirrors, which showed him several images of his own form approaching from many directions. He was wholly

Mr. B. C. G. Field, a retired manuskeptically inclined, after reading a valuable to be lost.

#### FREEDMAN'S AID SOCIETY.

XTRACTS FROM NINTH ANNUAL REPORT. Financial Statement. - The financial statement for the thirteen months ending

	Cash in Treasury, June 1, 1875		88
	1876		50
7	Loan	889	
,	Total receipts	58,:04	75
ı	Salary of Corresponding Secretary, office	7.10	
1	and traveling expenses	4,127	85
1	Salary, traveling expenses of General		
.	Agent, part of the year	1,088	18
.	Aid of young men preparing for the a in-		
	1stry	1,600	00
3	Printing	700	00
8	Postage	509	00
2	Clerk hire	650	00
1	Insurance and interest	1,034	12
-	r urniture for schools and homes	847	25
	Repairs on buildings	900	00
-	Real estate	6,300	UL
7	Salaries and board of teachers and		
1	school expen:es	40,275	14
1	Bulance in transury	173	91

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(2.) We have supported in the field sixty

teachers, whose specific work has been,

(3.) We have taught during the year over The reports of the secretaries were 3,000 pupils, a majority of whom are pre-(4.) All our teachers are engaged in Sun-

(5.) Those trained in our schools are work of the Branch. When one la- among our best preachers. They particlborer has fallen, another has been pate in conference business, write reports,

quest. The contributions have, thus tute parts of the country, and engage in the far, been sufficient to meet the appro- work of instructing others more ignorant (7.) It is estimated that forty thousand children have been taught during the

(9.) The new hall at Nashville has been property of the Central Tennessee College, The work in foreign lands was report- furnishing accommodations for three hunthe earnest prayers of all, that in the heavy responsibilities resting upon her, during the absence of Miss Porter, her strength might be equal to her day.

Twenty-one hundred dollars, the balance of debt against the boarding-house purchased in New Orleans, has been paid. Seven hundred dollars toward the erection of a school building at Waynesboro, Georgia, and five A carefully prepared essay upon hundred dollars toward the Cookman Insti-

(10.) There is an awakening among th The numerous illustrations drawn from the history of the past, proved that [10]. There is an awakening among the pious young men in our schools in reference to missionary work in Africa, and several of clearly argued that in this, among the holiest of all activities—the exalting of Christ before the nations of the world carry by the ministry is greatly needed. Some of our best pupils have been compelled to leave school on account of poverty. Fifty or even the nations of the world and wife, so th - woman had not only grand opportu- twenty-five dollars, with what he could earn, nities and privileges, but responsibili- would enable a young preacher to continue in school a year. Who will help one of Mrs. Dr. Steele, of Lynn, followed these prepare to preach the unsearchable

### SUGGESTIVE FIGURES.

Dr. Rust sends to Zion's HERALD Master has but recently called this this report of the gifts of the New En- Home Instruction, and very APPROgland Churches to the Freedmen's Aid PRIATE for the HOLIDAYS, Society, for last year and for the year

COLLECTIONS.

CONF.	Am's per mem	last	this	of Pas'l		No. not taking Coilec- tions.
Maine.	.019	429.61	231.95	115	67	48
E. Me.	.0207	168,99	174.88	95	55	40
N. H.	603	652,42	401.67	130	18	49
N. E.,	,065	2,297.00	1,762. 0	211	97	114
Prov.,	.039	,093,00	742.00	191	110	71
					H. 8.	RUST.

A great falling off in this collection appears. Five Conferences, raising last year \$4.661.42, this year contribute words. In a few appropriate remarks \$3,314 50. This is \$1,346.92 less than the chairman introduced her to the audience, and she stood before us — the the freedmen receive this year 71 per woman who as a medical lady missionary made the first permanent foot- and the decrease is above 40 per cent. hold in India; planned and supervised of the whole amount raised this year. the Bareilly hospital, the admiration of Of 732 charges, 322 contribute nothing. all who see it; and who, through her In these Churches - numbering 44 per power to minister to the body, has carcent. of the whole, the Freedmen's ried the Bread of Life to hundreds of cause was not presented, and among hungry souls. She said but little; she these, judging by the Minutes of former speaks in deeds rather than in words, years, are not only some of the poorest, but some of the richest, Churches missionary life and labor, and heartily in the Conference. We cannot believe that the interest of New England Methodism in the freedmen is represented

Dear brethren in the ministry, let us

consider: -1. That this is a very large falling off. by superstitions, traditions and preju- ficulties of its mission. The dispropordices. Miss Swain is slowly improving tion between its income and its needs in health, and looking forward with was great. The money was spent most economically. The teachers were heusefulness. When the spring time roic, though their stipend was small. comes, we hope to greet her again in New England, and enjoy, in several parts of our Branch, the inspiration of her presence, and the information she help. I dread to think what work must be abandoned, what cries unheeded this year, because the collections are

only two-thirds as much as last. 2. The 322 charges which took no collections, if they had received a little light from the pastor, would have given an average of four dollars each. This would have kept up the collections to the standard of last year. If those pastors had devoted one forenoon to considering the state of the Freedmen, alone, but he was overheard to say, "A they would have received both impulse meeting of the clergy, I see!" and facts on which to make a powerful appeal to their people. Every possible facturer of Montague City, Mass., and contribution, however small, is too wilkingon, Paulisner, 35 Lake St., Chicago

work entitled, "Acquaintance with God," written by Rev. E. A. Wyman of that place, was so impressed by it that he sent the surbor a check for \$1,000, and has since joined the Church.

3. Between the inaction of these charges and the pledges of General and Annual Conferences, there is a great incongruity. In every Annual conferences, there is a great incongruity. In every Annual 3200 to 1200 a year. Rimsting great incongruity.

Conference, strong resolutions in favor of the Freedmen's Aid Society were passed. And the General Conference, wisely and impressively, even beyond the Annual Conferences, sanctioned its work and emphasized its claims. On these noble pledges, the society goes forth to its work. Let us remember them, brethren, and act in harmony with them!

4. Shall the freedmen be left to perish? If not, we must help them. Their necessities are great, their degradation deep, their helpers few. Let us all remember them, pray for them, and take deep, their helpers few. Let us all rethe collection.

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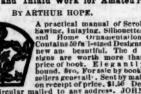
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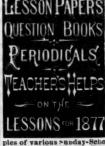
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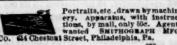
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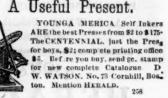
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We go to press amid the social and religlous feetivities of Christmas. Hard times melt under the genial warmth of Christmastide. Presents may have been less costly this year, but they have not been diminished in number. Even the face of anxiety and despondency brightens before the sunny and expectant countenances of childhood. Christ has entered into many families in the form of some one of His living disciples. The angelic benediction of peace on earth has fallen upon prayerful hearts and called out from them the corresponding shout, "Glory to God in the Highest!"

It was a happy idea of the Preachers' Meeting to invite Bishop Foster to preach a Christmas sermon in Bromfield Street Church on Christmas morning. It proved to be an impressive and profitable occasion.

Between the date of the present and that of the next paper, this eventful year will be numbered with the past. It opened with proud memories and high expectations: it has progressed amid Centennial celebrations. and the world's congratulations over a suc cessful international fair. But it has proved to be the era of one of the severest and bitterest of national political elections, not even excepting the one preceding the civil war: thus far indeed demonstrations of violence have not been made, and there is evidently a hopeful sober second thought settling down mpon the leaders in the political struggle, which gives assurance of a peaceful issue of the present controversy. Our sun of '76 goes down in a cloud, but there is an evident prophery of the rising of a brighter morning. as the new century comes in. We need the anbduing influence of these civil troubles. and the wholesome rebuke of the present Anancial distress, to keep us from undue exaltation in these memorial hours; to recall us from a mad pursuit of material wealth; to bored under the delusion that the former awaken our apprehension in reference to poditical and business immoralities, now becoming so rife among us; to call our attention to certain threatening national perils; above vance and improvement in the condition of It is constantly declared that her large all, to make us feel our dependence, after all the race. The examination of special deour endeavors, upon the providence of God, and our need of securing His benediction by the practice of national righteousness and bid impressions on the part of individuals her limited response affords painful respect for divine ordinances.

Private life runs on unnoticed amid all the great, ontward vicissitudes. Men are hanny in their families, and in their own inward vulsed with trouble; and thousands are sad amid the most abounding prosperity. "The heart knoweth his own bitterness, and a stranger doth not intermeddle with his joy." Each of our thousands of readers has had his own peculiar history the past year. No thoughtful man can see the last hours of it slip by without deep sensibility. The record is sealed up. The past cannot be recovered. A large space of our mortal life has swept by. Many purposes have failed of execution. Much that might and ought to have been done has failed of accomplishment. It is a grateful thought, as we stand on the ashes of the old year, that there is "forgivemay well yield to thoughtful and prayerful meditation all the hours we can save during the few last stages of the year. No custom is more impressive or wholesome than that year to solemn religious services. We trust such occasions this year will be full of spir-

and well-deserved tribute of respect and affection, proffered by the representatives of the preachers in this vicinity, to Bishop Wiley, whose health required his removal of the debates and of the exact bearing of from our stringent Eastern climate, "The the sentiments uttered will be occasioned king dies; long live the king." We have no and false statements, either unintentionally interregnum in our Bi-hopric. We are or intentionally, will be n.ade. An illustranever without such an officer; to each Bish- tion of this is alluded to in the last Chrisop his field is the whole Church; but, by a tian Advocate. A discussion occurred in a wholesome regulation of General Confer- late New York Methodist preachers' meetence, the local residence of these honored ing upon the state of the Church. During chief ministers has been arranged so as to the progress of it, certain very strong, disgive the various districts in the great field paraging expressions were made, relating to the advantage of personal supervision and the numerical, financial, and spiritual confamiliar acquaintance with one member of dition of Methodism in that vicinity as com the body. Boston has been made an epis- pared with previous years. The strongest copal city, and Bishop Foster made this of these statements, without qualification. city his home as soon as his predecessor were gathered up by a reporter of the Sun. left. We have long ince learned to respect and presented without my of the modifying and love him; but in tweek. Wednesday, at phrases or explanations of the speakers, as est, by its memories and the impressive the ablest Methodist ministers of New York.

Persons wishing to subscribe and no possible labor, and yields himself without bers. Many Churches are cold, and the and attendance upon district Conferences.

> ion to the doctrines of eschatology, or the of the Church that they should have a place in the teachings of the pulpit.

Church, and rendered its frequent presentacarried too far. The best doctrines of the Bible may be unskillfully presented, and century's experience. have often been associated with various fanaticisms. They are not, therefore, to be discarded or withdrawn into the background. utmost importance. It is hard for us to The good is not to be cast away for the grain conceive of anything the like of which we of human imperfection mingled with it.

The doctrines of death, judgment, the resurrection, and the final states of happi- no high example of moral or religious life. ness and misery, have power to excite the Their best things are ideals. No one can human imagination and to stir the con- tell how they would have been reinforced science. The vitality of Millenarianism is by a perfect specimen of either virtue or refound in the utterance of those doctrines ligion. What was lacking to the heathen is which never fail to find a response in the supplied to us in the Gospel. Our blessed human mind, even when mixed with error. Lord is not only the sacrificial offering by If so effective under these unfavorable con- which a way to God is opened, but He is ditions, how important that they find a true our exemplar of life and piety. We are to and faithful statement in the ministrations be like Him here in order to bear that imof the evangelical pulpit! They have ever age hereafter. been staple articles in revival preaching. The Wesleys and Whitefield made effective use of them, as did all the early Methodist

Though this sort of preaching has fallen into disuse, it has not lost its interest with the people. As long as man has a soul, and is destined to pass into the dread hereafter. will be of interest to him, and he will be nerve that awakens this feeling is not

In all ages, a large class of people have la-

deception is clear from the fact that a general survey of history shows a constant adpartments and classes of facts also leads to the same conclusion. But while such morperson himself. He has, in all probability, to put a stop to any backward movement. result, also, of the narrowness of our view. No man is able to see all the facts that go to altogether. In youth we naturally look upon the more hopeful and encouraging side: but in misfortune or old age our attention is confined to the severer and more discourag-

Our judgment is just, in view of the data we have, but we have not all. This narrowpersistently resist an acceptance of the dark side. If unable to be optimists, we should take heed how in God's world we conser to turn pessimists. The worldstill has good in it; God is not dead nor asleep; and the millennium of the Gospel is in the future.

eral of our cities, is that necessarily, at times, misapprehensions of the real nature

Bishop was officially welcomed to his new aspect of the Church special attention, the and the Wesleyans. We are comparating good which might be specially appar- frontier all round; the sparse and poor hour, laying upon the Bishop's shoulders the fluctuating condition especially of muand responsibility in reference to educa- fearfully embarrassed by debt; but thoutional and charitable organizations of his sands of others are not. Many city Churchdistrict, that would require good courage, es are being depleted. The same is true in eminent devotion and unbroken health to all denominations but the Romanist; but reckoned into the million and a half meet. To this sishop Foster pleasantly in the surrounding country, Churches are and happily respot '. He shrinks from being formed of these emigrating city memstint to his mighty task. He heartly ac- children are not early gathered into their cepted the proffered expression of sympathy fellowship, but float away into other deand affection; and then cast a broad glance nominations; but in many hundreds of out upon the great white field of Christian other charges, powerful revivals are occureffort, and inspired his brethren to renewed ring, and thousands are added to the memconsecration, hope and zeal in the great bership. Our individual Christian memberwork committed by the divine Master into ship goes back far enough to permit us to their hands. A season of general introduc- say, from a hearty conviction, that there is tien closed this interesting occasion. The as much practical religion, as much consci-Bishop is devoting his Sabbaths to preach- entious apprehension of duty, a wider coning in all portions of his wide district, and secration of money, and more devotion of the week days to the dedication of churches time and talent to Christ's work upon the earth, among average Methodists, than were apparent fifty years ago. There were giants, No careful observer can doubt that the indeed, in those days; but there are more oulpit in our time is giving too little atten- evenly balanced Christians now. There not forbidding, disappeared, and sudwere conspicuous and shining saints then, denly on the best city and town sites ast things. They form a prominent part in and the Church is not without their light the teaching of the New Testament, and are and example now. There are more able, topics of permanent interest to the human admirable and holy preachers in the Church soul. It was, no doubt, designed by the Head than at any former period. The Church has no occasion for pride, and should be ashamed of herself to despair. Her facili-The blunders of the Millerites in designat- ties at the present moment are wonderfuling times, and in the over-emphasis given to educational, charitable and pastoral. The the subject, disgusted the best minds in the world is her field, and her faith and hope are unbroken. Nothing but a divine baption unpopular. However inevitable this tism is requisite to renew all the pristine reaction, there is great danger of its being fire and devotion of her founders, with the accumulated wisdom and opportunities of a

> To men like ourselves example is of the never saw. The heathen in their best estate labor under the disadvantage of having

#### LET US BE JUST.

In bringing the imperative calls of the Missionary Society before the Church, its advocates naturally turn in every direction for argument and inspiration. As shame is one of the strongest of the human passions, as developed

its natural irritants. It is affirmed that the denominational zeal and pride called for the large appropriations which were somewhat reluctantly made by the Missionary Board. and that it is humiliating for the Church to fail of redeeming its implied pledges. membership and her wealth have fully justified the most generous appropriations that have been made, and that are no just indices of the public condition, evidence of a lack of devotion and they do show a possible deterioration in the loyalty to Christ. We are pointed to sister Churches in the land, to the Wesleyan Church in Canada and Great Britlapse in his own experience, for a significant ain, and assured, by irresistible figsign of the general public decline. One ures, that we fall far below these bodies ought to fear such impressions. The mis- in holy charity. As figures are supgiving in his mind should lead him at once posed to be the final appeal, we are shown, in parallel columns, for our in-This depressing impression may be the struction and humiliation, that all the principal Churches around us give much more money per capita than does that only an insignificant moiety (and science, nothing, for example, is more marks the amount of her contribution, of the Christian Church.

denomination, we have not consecrated ary field, its demands and its opportu- man power than its own. For nities. We have fallen into styles of "Behold the people waits life and personal gratification which ab- Like God. As He in His serene of might, orb undue portions of our income. In rass themselves, and limit their ability it: to aid in the great work of human "You kill worms sooner with a gardenevangelization.

All this is true, but it is not true lone, or especially, of the Methodist Church. We share with sister Christian with them, a great epochal reforma- Thus vital from God's own vitality;" tion, inverting the whole order of so degraded that after six thousand ing a holy enthusiasm, both Godward cration of person and substance to holy as yet by civilization or the Gospel. service. It is no satisfaction to say this, but this necessity is no more apparent

sincere prayers of his New England breth- in his mind, and overshadow a compensa- land. Our membership embraces the individual for all members of the race! Dr. Mallalieu, preceded by appropriate re- ent to another. Besides, in these familiar hamlets of the North, the thinnest and vising is always defective. Its shortigious services conducted by Brothers Mor- debates, men are liable to generalize from a freshest settlements in the new States sightedness, its rapaciousness, its perison and Mather of the Providence Confer- few facts, and to judge of a whole Church and territories, and the freedmen at the version of the affections, its destructence, gave outward expression, in fit and of many hundred thousands by the limited South. In all, save the middle and iveness, its defiant irreligion, have eloquent terms, to the sentiments of the sphere of their own observations, and from most eastern portion of the Mississippi been manifest in nearly every scheme Valley States, we are even now breaking of the kind that has been put into prac- gentle and sovereign sway. and sensibilities an amount of active service vicipal Churches. Many Churches are ground and pressing forward home tice. Yet, beneath the enormities of missionary enterprises. All these hun- these efforts we may observe the gropdreds of thousands, who really form a a portion of our missionary field, are duty of the individual to the social or-

> But just at the hour when a great uprise was made in our missionary appropriation, in addition to all the existing charitable societies, two, large, important, and popular organizations were originated - the Church Extension and the Freedmen's Aid. Their claims, particularly impressive in themselves, have been made even more urgent by the pathos, eloquence and ingenuity of some of the most effective platform speakers in the Church. Besides this, at the same hour, came a Church edifice renaissance throughout all the older Conferences. As by magic, the old, plain, brick or wooden chapel situated on a by-street, uninviting if uprose some of the finest houses of worship in the land. The thing has, indeed, in many places been overdone debts have become sad embarrassments, and the spiritual health and well-being of local Churches have been unfavorably affected. But in these enterprises an immense amount of money has been actually contributed and devoted to religious purposes.

In addition to this, at the same hour a common attack upon the wealth of the Church has been made by all our legion of colleges and seminaries. It would be a very significant summary if we could simply have the aggregate of the amount that has been paid by our people for the removal of debts, the building of edifices, the establishment of professorships and scholarships our universities and academies throughout the land. Such a variety of charitable outlays, in proportion to the real pecuniary ability of the membership, we do not believe has been enjoyed to an equal extent by the Churches with whom our missionary contributions are sometimes compared. We need not hang our heads in the

presence of our Christian brethren, only before our heavenly Father who has given us everything to enjoy, and our Saviour who died for us on the cross; freely, for our sakes, becoming poor. All things considered, the M. E. Church can look back somewhat complacently upon the work of the last twenty years. Considered by itself, it is something amazing. But we can, and ought, and must, do more. Let us the topics relating to that future condition in civilized and Christian society, the encourage and not discourage ourselves in the Lord. He knows our real ability in the burden He has placed upon us. We are not giving as our fathers did at the commencement of the century, when they shared their living with our ministry, and supported the Church out of their penury. But let us be hopeful and cheerful. We are moving in the direction of prophecy and of the millennium. In order to aid ourselves in giving, let us pray for a great reformation. There is nothing makes money flow so readily, even to the point of sacrifice, as the constraining love of Christ. After one has really and effectually given himself wholly to Christ, the yielding of money requires but a small effort. Any man may well doubt his consecration who finds himself giving meagerly or grudgingly.

### CHRISTIAN COMMUNISM.

some of the graver aspects of modern through the meaner streets of a per member, to the world-wide charity populous city. The sight of the peo-

"How they live, and boil, And bubble in the cauldron of the street!" the talent of wealth as we ought. their vitality and their abjectness, the There is much worldliness among us. immense contrast presented between The love for accumulation has grown these lower and the aristocratic quarwith its possibility. There has been a ters of the city, press upon the mind

So they in their endurance of long straits;" One of the inevitable evils of public the eagerness for wealth, many risk so vital that no dread agency of war preachers' meetings, as conducted in sev. everything, and thus painfully embar- or pestilence, or aught else can destroy

> spade Than you kill peoples; peoples will not die;

The tails are stronger when you lop the head; Churches in this regard. We need, And shudder into a heap of life that's made

What a vast distance lies between this disordered, befouled mass of life, when we remember that all the other or imperative among our members than and that vision, alluring to every lover is the fellowship of our religious neigh- of his kind, of a civic State organized art, literature, science, laws - are folupon, and governed by, peace, equity, In spite of apparent facts and figures, and Christian love - a State wherein tendom are they effective, or to be con-Bromfield Street Church, which is the near- the well-considered opinions of certain of however, we honestly believe no Church the most divergent, and, as they seem sidered as powers, the Christian may gives more freely, constantly, or abun- at present, antagonistic, interests are lift his head in hope and his heart in dantly, in proportion to its means, than brought into harmonious activity; a joy, notwithstanding the apparent ours. The Churches with which we are State wherein the natural affections sway of evil principalities and powers, in Boston, all this sincere est em was crys- these discussions, each speaker represents compared are compact bodies, long shall exist in their purest strength, pro- If he cannot precisely utter the excla-

The communism of mere human deing search for a principle of truth: the ganism, and conversely; the rights of greetings in the form of new subscribers. that sink so appallingly our per capita the individual in connection with those of the aggregate of society. A deficient morality characterizes the schemes of communism. A deficient comprehension of the essence and practice of the precepts of Christianity characterizes the Church and Christen dom at large. Not till the latter are enlightened, especially as regards those injunctions of the Gospel bearing upon the brotherhood of the race, and not till the former are grounded in the Christian plan and principle, will the lower strata of humanity be uplifted to an atmosphere of sweetness and light, and fertility of virtue. Nevertheless, even in these sombre

depths, the moral world does move,

though imperceptibly save as we look through the centuries. For whereas two thousand years ago men recognized not their neighbor in the wound ed traveler who dwelt by the further side of a near mountain, and the Hebrew and Hellene thought only with hostility or contempt for the barbarian. so-called, of any nation, that dwelt outside of certain restricted boundaries, it is a matter of public interest to-day, for instance, that Japanese youth come hither to learn our knowledge. It is a matter of solicitude that people die of famine in India, that mothers slay their babes in China, that chiefs sacrifice their subjects in the heart of Africa. The spirit of missions - that is, the spirit of Christianity - has bound the ends of the earth together! With all our selfish cares and absorbing occupations, we are possessed of some kindlings of fraternal feeling for our kindred, the world over. Whether Aryan, Shemitic or Turanian, we commune with them by the media of commerce, the explorations of science, the conveyance of gifts, or the embassy of teachis an abomination to be crushed by military and civic law. But communism as an incipient growth of sentiment, linked with, it may be disguised by, the active purposes of the world's daily life, is an idea of the world's uniof the universal human heart, first impelled by that Heart that is the type and summary of humanity - a motion that cannot be disregarded by those who observe the tendencies of the times, and who hope for the unfoldings

of the future. This motion of the universal heart expends itself in beneficent activities. Whatever fault we may find with the Church at large, we must admit that its charities are stupendous. They cansum given annually in New York only for philanthropic purposes, places it at maintenance of religious institutions and philanthropies something over seventeen million dollars yearly. The Presbyterians give still more; the other Protestant sects, taken together, give probably as much; and if to these we add the contributions of the Romanists, whose Christianity, though per-We alluded, two weeks since, to verted, is, nevertheless, a part of our common faith, we have an aggregate civilization that perplex the Christian's of about sixty-four million dollars faith, and impair the hopefulness of given yearly in this Republic for the make up a period, and especially to see them the Methodist Episcopal Church, and his service. To the student of social maintenance and furtherance of Christian belief and philanthropies. Add to indeed, not quite that) of a dollar suggestive of thought than is a walk these, municipal, State, and other charities all flowing in the channels of Christianity, if not directly Christian, and the sum amounts to at least one hundred millions. In Great Britain, whose wealth far surpasses ours, and whose Church revenues are enormous the parallel aggregate cannot be less than three hundred millions. Allowing four hundred millions for the other five great lack of hearty conviction as to with saddening weight. Here is a vast Great Powers collectively, and four he duty of giving, and a great want of aggregate, too numerous, too strong to hundred millions for the remainder of intelligent consideration of the mission- be ruled absolutely by any other hu- Europe, and the aggregate rises to twelve hundred millions. If to this we add the sum expended for the same purposes in the Christian regions of Asia, Africa, and the Oceanic isles, the computation falls not far short of two thousand millions, or two billion dol-Now, the population of the world is

estimated at two billions. Hence the total amount contributed for the maintenance, furtherance, and philanthro pies of Christianity may be rated, or nearly so, at one dollar for every inhabitant of the globe. In other words, the kingdom founded by Christ has so things; making Christ and Hiskingdom years of history, and two thousand of far established itself that, theoretically, first, and the world last, and awaken- Christianity, it still remains barbarous every soul on the earth pays a tribute in aspect and in fact - a blind, igno- of one dollar per annum toward its and manward, and a practical conse- rant, patient Titan, scarcely tutored maintenance. Truly His brotherhood possesses, now, one, at least, of the great forces that sway the world; and prime motive powers of human life lowing in its train; that only in Chris-

#### Editorial Items.

We shall be happy to receive New Year's the old HERALD more readable and acceptable than ever before.

tasteful house of worship in the centre

of the city, on one of the most eligible sites, near the State House and the tions. The formation of the new Church has been conducted with remarkable wisdom given charge of the society's work in the and prudence, without seriously weakening the other, or estranging the regards of its large throughout sixteen counties in northoung ministers, Rev. Messrs. Prince and Field, both justly popular with their own the Churches in his territory into very genpeople and in the community, two very en- eral co-operation with the parent society been secured. The old Church was never stronger or in a better condition everyway, supplied with the Word of God, and some while the new, Baker Memorial, is a remarkably vigorous, united and active body. They own a large, central, and admirably ituated lot. Their new chapel, which is of brick and severely plain, but very grateful to the sight in its architecture, is situated on ist Church reunion, held at old Common the rear of the lot, the main body to be constructed hereafter; the young society most | Church, the last spiritual child born of this wisely avoiding an embarrassing debt. The prolific mother. A large number of the chapel which was dedicated last Thursday is the perfection of neatness and comfort in the delightful reminiscences were recalled. Rev. interior. It will hold five hundred worship- Mr. Hills, pastor of the Church, welcomed ers, and is as pleasant an assembly room as the company in an eloquent and hearty adcan well be imagined. But a small debt, if dress. Dr. Upham, of Springfield, was parany, by this time remains upon it, and the ticularly happy in a response to the call of prospects of the young society are very en- the chairman. Rev. J. W. F. Barnes spoke

with much of his old unction and life; but The dedicatory exercises drew together Father Merrill seems to have surpassed himfine audiences. The editor of Zion's Her- self on the occasion. It must have been ALD preached in the afternoon, and Rev. E. A. Titus in the evening. Dr. Pike, the Presiding Elder, and a number of the ministe rial brethren of the vicinity, participated in the exercises. Most conspicuous among them were the venerable Dr. J. W. Merrill, who offered a remarkably comprehensive, appropriate and devout prayer, and Rev. Eleazer Smith. who for so many years has held the chaplaincy of the State Prison. Dr. ers and helpers. Communism in Paris erous material as well as ministerial aid on the occasion. Dr. Bouton of the Congregational Church, and Rev. Mr. Curtis of the Free Baptist, with other clergymen from sister Churches, attended the services. The excellent lady, the honored name of whos husband is borne by the Church, has taken, from the first, the liveliest interest in the enty, a far-reaching, beneficent motion terprise, and been one of the most generous donors. We heartly pray that a heavenly enediction may rest upon both pastor and By the liberal provisions of Boston Uni-

versity, our citizens have been permitted. during the last week, to listen to a most admirable course of lectures by Dr. Mark Hopkins, late President of Williams College, before the School of Theology. The pre-eminently of the heart of Christen- subject, previously announced, was, "The however, did not plunge in medias res, but instituted a search for a common ground of of all thought and investigation. The result of this search was to find that the great cernot fail to elicit the applause of all who tainties are (and in this order of discovery), will examine their records. An ap- the conviction of personal existence, of the proximately correct statement of the existence of an external world, of the existence of other personal beings also, and finally that of a personal God. By a careful procedure he showed the work of science ten million dollars - a rate of ten dol- to be the translation of appearances into relars for each inhabitant. The Method- ality, and the bringing of unity into the ists of the Republic contribute to the domain of experience by generalization. Lastly, philosophy searches after the cause of things. Science, which is supreme in her own province, it was claimed, has no right to put on magisterial airs, when she forsake demonstration and certainty for hypothesis: least of all, to claim peculiar privilege when she becomes metaphysical, without seeming to be aware of it. method of Prof. Tyndall and others, who

proceed from beneath and not from above. in their account of the world as it is, was most entertaining display of the keenest satire. Prof. Tyndall's account of the devaguely sensitive all over, through a deter mined protuberance of the outer covering giving a rudimental lens, and thence onwards to the eye of the hawk, was followed out in detail and shown to demand an imagination equal to that which produced the Arabian Nights. Here, as elsewhere, the ecturer declared that the scientific imagination makes demands upon our credulity be youd anything to be found in the Bible. In like manner he repudiated the assumed collision between faith and reason. At last the subject was reached through this metaphysical " avenue of lions," and we were led into the temple of man, the microcosm crown of the whole and apex of creation. It was insisted that we must be in earnest in our exposition of the scriptural idea that man was created in the image of God. Anthropomorphism may be charged upon us and we admit it to the full extent necessary that God may become incarnate; but we deny it, so far as it carries with it the possi Lility of comprehending God either here or hereafter. The exposition of the divine image was full and satisfactory on the whole, though not as terse and incisive as the preceding lectures. The last lecture was devoted to the relation of the various faculties to each other, and the designed enthronement of conscience in the soul of

We are more convinced than ever of the value of these courses of lectures thrown open to the public by the University. We noticed from day to day persons well-known in Boston circles, who turned aside from operous duties to listen for an hour to the sage of Williamstown.

Mr. Edward H. Rogers, a member of the Walnut Street M. E. Church in Chelsea, of the proceedings of the Peace Conference has issued a pamphlet entitled, " Like Unto of Christians, held at Philadelphia, Nov. 17th Me," in which he gives a working man's and 18th. It was under the auspices of the view of the relation of the Church to the Friends; but leading Christians of all depeople. The address is, in many respects, nominations were present. The public exconsidering its source, a remarkable production. It is written in a pure and vigor- character. The report comes from the ous style, showing much cultivation and a Friends' press, at New Vienna, Ohio. rare grasp of principles. Mr. Rogers be lieves in a form of Christian communism; an Boston, all this sincere course was crystallists of the spirit of Christian of the spirit of Christian ducing endeared relations among fam- mation of Maxentins of old, he may, wealthy Christian men and by Christian ton, Illinois, on the 21st inst.

home, and proffered the hearty wishes and evils he apprehends become exaggerated tively new almost everywhere in the sponding brotherly consideration in the Thou art conquering!" He may abide will secure, not by compulsion or even by confident in the faith that the will of covenants, but by voluntary and beautiful God is being accomplished in the development of the world's life; and that burdens of others, an equal or righteous diin due time He whose right it is shall vision between capital and labor, between reign; that "all things" shall be put those that have abundance, and those that under His feet; all adverse, malign have little, or are sick and in trouble. All potentialities shall fade beneath His this he sees embodied in the seed principles of the Gospel, and most nearly illustrated among those that are most like Christ. If this world or the Christian Church ever puts on its robe of perfectness, this blessed and beatific theory will be realized. It is a wholesome preach, and a noble standard at which to aim. Mr. Rogers gives a practical direc-We beg our brethren in the ministry to call tion to his theory by the organization of prompt attention to our advertisement of mutual aid societies in Christian Churches; the HERALD, and give every family an op- he would, in this way, secure within the portunity to subscribe. We intend to make Church, and under better auspices, what is sought to be obtained by voluntary associtions out of the Church. Send for the pamphlet; it is full of suggestion and in-Our Church in Concord, N. H., has at last

Rev. O. J. Squiers, who has been for nine ears past the energetic and efficient district superintendent of the work of the American Bible Society in Central New York, has recently been transferred to the West, and State of Iows. Mr. Squiers has traveled at membership. Under the two excellent eastern New York, and by his executive ability and skill in organization, has brought couraging permanent congregations have in its great work. Under his supervision these counties have been almost wholly re-\$200,000 have been contributed to the funds of the society.

> teresting account of an entertaining Method-Street Church, in the interest of Trinity former pastors were present, and the most nice to be there.

Potter's American Monthly is a beauti-'ul magazine devoted largely to historical literature. Its January number, for the new year, is out, and has an inviting tableof contents. Appropriately, its leading article is the story of Washington at Trenton, and Princeton, one hundred years ago. Edward Thompson writes upon the Moorish Elisha Adams was present and offered gen- Empire in Spain. Albert E. Lancaster has an attractive paper upon the American Drama; Benjamin Lossing, LL. D., upon the Native Races of the Pacific. The other miscellany is entertaining. Published by John E. Potter & Co., Philadelphia.

> The Christian Register thus suggestively sympathizes with the pathetic miseries of the infidel organ of Boston : -

The Investigator says: "There is no story book for boys or girls that we know of that is not either Christian or spiritual, or in some way superstitious, and the reason is that all such books are written by superstithat all such books are written by supersti-tious people." Poor little sons and daugh-ters of unbelievers, what a dreary time they must have! Even at this Christmas season, there is apparently outling for them to read but Paine's "Age of Reason," Ethan Allen's "Reason the only Oracle of Man," Volney's "Researches," and Hume's "Essays." Childhood without stories must drag heavily.

and always inviting - looking, annual of Wesleyan University, for 1876-77. It numbers upon its roll of students, thirty-one seniors, thirty-eight juniors, sixty sophomores, fifty freshmen, and five special studeuts - one hundred and eighty-four in all. Nothing but the pressure of the times hinders the largest prosperity materially, nunerically and intellectually, of this Alma Mater of all our colleges. Even now her endowment is slowly but surely growing.

The Marginal Indexed Diary, or Daily Record Book, published by the Erie Publishing Co., Erie, Pa., is the handlest thing of the kind yet issued. It is convenient either for the pocket or desk, and being perpetual, is good for any year or at any time of the ear. There is an index of months across the foot of the page, and an index of days for each month at the side, which enables the user to turn instantly to any date desired. It has an Alphabetical Index for classifying the subject matter of the book, and thirty pages of valuable tables. The price is \$2 per copy, sent post-paid by the publishers.

Some of the best Christmas and New Year's gifts, for the members of the family nusically inclined, can be found in the large establishment of Oliver Ditson & Co. Beautifully bound selections from the first composers, with the freshest musical literature, an be obtained here. One of the latest publications is the World of Song, a collecion of charming ballads and duets. It is published in every variety of binding, from \$2 to \$5, and will be a welcome gift to any home performer, or for a social circle of song.

The first number of Our Union, the organ of the Woman's International Tempernce Union, under the editorship of Miss M. E. Winslow, presents a very interesting appearance, and is full of entertaining temerance miscellany. The facile editor is in no wise economical of her own services, but furnishes some of the best contribupaper, the women co-laborers, and to the lessed reform in all its departments!

We have seen a copy of the Berean Quarterly. It is a perfect gem of mechanica issued from the denominational press. It makes thirty-two pages, magazine form, and bears the names of Dr. J. H. Vincent and Miss P. H. Goodwin. This January issue covers over three months. The analysis of the lessons, the word studies, the catechism, the chronological table, and the questions, are simply admirable. It is only twenty-five cents a year. Order at once from J. P. Magee, that you may be early served.

ercises were of a substantial and edifying

Dr. Marcus P. Hatfield, son of Rev. R. M. not in socialism, but in a practical exhibi- Harfield, D. D., and Miss Hattie, daughter tion of the spirit of Christ on the part of of Bishop Harris, were married at Evanshat

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Conn., sends out, from the New England agency, four additional numbers of Zell's Popular Encyclopedia, compiled by L. Colange, LL.D., and published in Philadelphia, by T. E. Zell, Davis & Co. One half the work (the first volume) is now completed and the remainder will come rapidly from the press. It will form an admirable universal dictionary, with ample illustrations and maps.

A short but very agreeable Christmas service was held at the M. E. Church, Newton. last Monday afternoon. The editor of this paper, assisted by the pastor of the Church, Rev. W. E. Huntington, united in marriage, Mr. Alonzo S. Weed, of Newton, and Mrs. benedictions of the pleasant occasion.

Prof. W. Wells, of Union College, Schenectaday, N. Y., has been delivering a lecture places in New York, of which the local him to fill out the year, and, as a result of papers speak with unqualified praise. He his labors, they have once more a united has made this subject a special study, and and happy church. few men in the country better understand its manifold relations, or are so well pre-Buropean controversy.

the Christmas discourse of Bishop Foster, odist preachers. This is a hard field. Or-His subject was the human side of Jesus, ganized infidelity contests every inch of ject, "What must I do to be saved?" the Son of Mary. It was one of the Bish- ground with the Church. An infidel club op's happiest, tenderest, and most able ef. has its weekly meetings to discuss religious service for the Freedmen's Aid Society.

keys are blending, and the only lights in der next week.] some homes are those of funereal tapers. A heavy stroke of affliction has fallen upon wife, a woman of many virtues and of great doubt not, be joined with our own.

tant denominational statistics, and answers churches, charities, educational institutions and ministry of that denomination. It is very thoroughly edited.

To a fault finder, "Mister Horn" once said, " Look here, dear friend, get you away and do something - for pity's sake do something! Do some good somewhere. Cart ag and grumbling till you do something."

A New England Presiding Edder propers, tabernacle, fifteen by thirty feet, and also coming of Rev. E. A. Whitter, an evanger by the costume of the high priest, worn by the alth, his own bygienic course. He has taken no vacation for twenty years, and has spirituality the speaker. With great clearness and spirituality the speaker explained the Gosfrom time to time in one place with one action of the priest, worn by the speaker and abundant in labors. We, being from time to time in one place with one action of the priest, worn by the costume of the high priest, worn by the costume of the high priest, worn by the speaker. With great clearness and spirituality the speaker explained the Gosfrom time to time in one place with one action of the high priest, worn by the costume of the high priest and the cost work by the costume of the high pr preached an average of fifteen times each fortight; he has been sick but twice. He is still as hearty as a buck, as good a preacher annually; and he does his work now better annually; and he does his work now offer known to the regions on high." As the result, a rich revival broke out, and a hundred souls were converted. Brother Whittier labored with us two weeks, and then went to the regions on, "The Bible in the Schools," which expected \$175 on their course of lectures this season. Harmony and prospertity are being enjoyed. The pastor, Rev. C. W. Millen, has lately preached two sermons on, "The Bible in the Schools," which expected and critical taste. It is as well adapted on on, "The Bible in the Schools," which expected and critical taste. It is as well adapted for the course of please of the baptism of "power from on high." As the result, a rich revival broke out, and a hundred souls were converted. Brother Whittier labored with us two weeks, and then went to the regions of the probably a Church where some new, subscribed and critical taste. It is as well adapted to the baptism of "power from on high." As the result, a rich revival broke out, and a hundred souls were converted. Brother white a special effort.

We wish most earnestly to appeal to the weight of the b

ateele, D. D., for a copy of the catalogue of eating, teaching, washing, weddings, funer- the theme of all believers, not party names. Lawrence University for the current year.

The institution has a strong faculty of nine instructive entertainment and impressive professors; three of them ladies. It has 96 puttings of Bible truth. These lectures are the preparatory, and 25 in the juvenile de- Church can afford to enjoy them on some one

Mrs. Rev. S. A. Cushing, who was prescat at the late celebration of the seventieth anniversary of the dedication of the Bromseld Street Church, and formed the living link between the exercises of both occasions, having also attended the original dedication seventy years before, died suddenly hast Tuesday at her home in Somerville, aged 76. With her, sudden death was simply translation to paradise.

The Christmas Interior is a remarkable number considering that it is a genuine Presbyterian sheet. Old prejudices are evidently going under, and the non-conformist joins with the Churchman in praying God bless us all," at Christmas-tide. It is a beautiful and bright issue, with a poetic and illustrated cover.

Dr. J. M. Buckley's lecture in the Church Street course was particularly entertaining. His subject was "Dollars and Cents." It was both witty and wise, keeping his hearsame time giving them valuable information upon a topic now widely discussed.

We have an interesting letter from Prof. John Johnston, of Wesleyan University, who is enjoying a period of recreation in the many other respects. mild climate of the Bermudas, with Mrs. Johnston and one of his sons. He writes publish his letter next week.

and the Sunday-school," containing the addresses delivered at the late Sunday-school and Mr. Henry Baker, three of the oldest parliament, held at Thousand Islands, are citizens of Winthrop, have died within Lee and Shepard, Boston.

Hooksett, N. H., edits the Hooksett Stentor, Norway, died very suddenly Dec. Sth. which being published only occasionally, and when the interests of the Church are and brings much temporary gratification.

more time than a'most anything else that I Mr. Q. loses quite heavily by the fire. know, for I never knew a grumbler yet that ever had a moment to do any good with."

Mr. Eben Shute, 36 Bromfield Street, has prepared a vari-ty of beautiful ornamented cards with greetings from a superintendent to his Sunday-school, \$2.50 to \$3.50 a hundred.

A correspondent in Baltimore writes, that 46 the HERALD, like old wine, grows richer with age. I never knew it to be so spiritual and soulfull as to-day. May all the children loyally rememb r their venerable, sprightly, anctified mother, for 1877."

Rev. E. A. Titus writes us that the Webster Square Church, Worcester, will be dedicated on Thursday, Jan. 4 - Dr. S. F. Upham preaching to the afternoon, and Rev. R. R. Meredith in the evening.

MASSACRUSETTS NOTES FROM CAPE COD.

to deliver his sermon seated in a chair upon own society.

with him, with good effect. many friends of the Publisher of Zion's drew from the M. E. Church and joined the ling the pledge and seeking the Saviour. HERALD will join in the hearty wishes and Unitarian denomination, that he" might have in his closing sermon. Rev. A. M. Osgood by Rev. D. M. DeHughes. was, soon after, sent by the Elder, and this being one of his old fields of labor, he knew apon the Eastern Question, in various just how to take hold. The board engaged

At Cotuit Port, Rev. S. E. Evans is patiently toiling for the salvation of souls. The | Conference, Monday evening, the 19th, with pared to speak intelligently and instructive- Church is undenominational, but the Methly upon this, at present, overshadowing odist portion of it maintain a distinct organization and increased spirituality through their class-meetings. For the last eight Bromfield Street church was filled to hear years the pulpit has been supplied by Methforts. At the close he rose to a wonderful questions and scatter the seeds of unbelief. fervor of devout eloquence, awakening the Some thirty copies of the Investigator were among them, and it occasionally rejoices in in various ways.

the conquest of souls for Christ. This time of gladness is also a time of sadness to many. Death makes no pause, and sowing the good seed, and expecting to see ville was demolished. Several buildings spares neither age nor season. With the it spring up as last year, when the Church joyful music of Christmas bells many minor | was quickened and souls saved. - [Remain-

North Cohasset. - Our Church in this Mr. Warren A. Rogers, the foreman of our place has for a long time sadly needed renprinting office, who has grown gray in years ovation. The frescoing, sombre and heavy of faithful and efficient service upon this pa- when new, had become much defaced; the per. He has been called to part from his platform, like most of those in New England churches, was too high, and the pulpit kindness of heart, to whom he was wedded too large and too heavy in appearance. E. mearly a generation ago. Being without children, the blow is peculiarly crushing. The sympathies of many friends will, we arm-chair from the rooms of Braman, Shaw & Co. A cut of said pulpit graces the head of their advertisement in the HERALD. The Universalist Register for 1877, is a Henry Tolman, esq., Hon. E. S. Tobey, Hon. Jacob Sleeper, C. G. Beal, esq., and a very serviceable manual as well as a care-fully arranged calendar. It has the imporfunds for the remainder of the work. The nearly every question that one can ask as to fresco painting is very neatly and tastefully done. It was executed by Mr. J. R. Semenski, of Boston, the painting as a whole beng under the supervison of H. Hood, esq., of Boston. Now we are hoping and praying for, and expecting, a baptism of the

nity. Pray for us! Y. New Bedford. - At County Street M. E. wheels grumble and creak sometimes for Church, Sunday evening, Dec. 17th, an im want of grease, but very often it is for want mense audience, filling the Church, gathof work; and you'll never give over creak-ered to hear Rev. J. S. Ostrander's admirable lecture on " The Tabernacle in the Wil-A New England Presiding Elder proffers, tabernacle, fifteen by thirty feet, and also coming of Rev. E. A. Whittier, an evangel-beads of families, have recently found the costumes assisted him in showing the cus-We are indebted to President G. M. toms and manners of the East in regard to students in the collegiate department, 65 in given at such moderate terms that every partment. The institution is doing excel- of the various plans. The lectures are endent work and enjoying deserved prosperity. thusisstically endorsed by Dr. Vincent, Dr. Ridgaway, and scores of our prominent preachers, and have filled many of our largest churches. W. F. C.

MAINE.

Items. - The citizens of Freeport are enjoying a series of fine lectures, for which they are largely indebted to the efforts of Rev. Brother Murphy, pastor of the Methodist Church in that place. Brother M. is doing a good work for the people and the

cause of Christ. A lodge of Good Templars was instituted

at Sabattis, Dec. 6th, with twenty-nine charter members. Ira Sturgis, esq., of Augusta, Nelson Howard, esq., of Lewiston, and S. A. Holbrook, esq., of Freeport, have been appointed by Gov. Connor, trustees of the Soldiers' Orphans' Home at Bath. The Home is

proving itself a great blessing to this unfortunate class. The Maine State Grange met at Waterville, Dec. 12th. Two hundred and twentyers in remarkably good humor, and at the six subordinate granges reported. The atexecutive committee and of the State agent show the order to be in a healthy condition throughout the State, with a prospect earlier, makes bad work for us. It is time of profitable co-operation in trade, and in we considered some plan to avoid, every four

Brother Bradlee, pastor of the M. E. Church in Bridgton, baptized ten persons that all are improving in health. We shall Dec. 10th, and admitted two to full membership. These are fruits of the present revival which is still progressing, although the The American publishers of "The Bible good work is encountering some opposition. Mr. Isaac Foster, Mr. William Gower short time. They were all persons much respected. Mr. Claudius M. Favor, an in-

Rev. B. W. Chase of the M. E. Church, fluential and highly respected citizen of Mrs. Charles Fuller, of Hallowell, died

from fright during an alarm of fire in that advanced by it, involves no pecuniary peril, city Friday morning, Dec. 15th. Rev. Mr. Quimby, whose office was burned out in the recent severe fire in Augusta will publish "Mister Horn" used to say, "he had far his paper, the Gospel Banner, for the prestoo much else to do to grumble. That takes ent. from the office of the Maine Farmer. Rev. Mr. Penny, pastor of the Free Bap-

tist Church in Augusta, has declined a call to the Roger Williams Church, in Providence, R. I., and will remain in his present pastorate, much to the satisfaction of his parish. Rev. Mr. Adams, pastor of the very prosperous year with his people, who know right well how to appreciate a good minister.

Rev. Mr. Sewall, pastor of the Congregs. tional Church in Athens, has tendered his resignation.

Nathan Hunt, a student at Colby University (Waterville), is supplying the Baptist Church at West Trenton during the winter. The Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female College at K-ni's Hill is having a very | East Providence. - About a year and a out mansion,

Mr. Horace King, of Thompsonville, Notes from the Churches. President Torsey is much improved, allow- village of Watchemoket, in this town, under

At Marston's Mills, Rev. P. Townsend is day evenings to the exposition of the caposition of the caposi At Marston's Mills, Rev. P. Townsend is day evenings to the exposition of the Sununable to stand and preach, he was obliged awakened in these expositions beyond his been faithful and devoted, going even beyond his strength often, but a young, earnest min-

converts of last winter's revival into the Brother D. B. Randall is recovering from ise of great usefulness. Let any young min-Church and is now laboring earnestly for his recent distressing illness, and hopes are ister who feels moved to labor for Christ and the salvation of others. The Sandwich pray- entertained that he will yet do efficient ser- wants a field, write to Rev. Thomas Ely at ing band spent Sunday, December 17th, vice for the Master. Rev. J. C. Perry has this place. been assisting in the pastoral work and sup-At Osterville, early last summer, Rev. J. plying the pulpit Sabbaths. The work of W. Fitch, who had labored with this people God goes grandly on, especially in the tem-Alice B. Bishop, of Concord, N. H. The about two years, resigned his charge, with- perance department, where many are sign-

Four persons were received into the idence at East Providence. liberty to preach the truth," as he remarked Methodist Church at Ogunquit, Dec. 10th, Prof. William I. Marshall, of Fitchburg,

> Evening in Wonderland, or the Yellowstone ville, R. I. He joined it at its organization National Park" - in Pine Street church, last Thursday evening. Bishop Foster is to spend Sabbath, Feb.

The fourth address to young men was delivered by Rev. A. H. Wright, pastor of St. Lawrence Street Congregational Church.

Portland, Sunday evening, Dec. 17th. Sub-

The annual sermon in aid of the Portland Benevolent Society, was delivered by Prof. Barbour, of Bangor, Dec. 17th, in the First Parish church, Portland. This society has hearty responses of his audience. A collec. here regularly taken and read. But the been in active operation for seventy-five tion was taken up at the termination of the Church lives; it is a felt and dreaded power years, ministering to the wants of the poor

> During the gale of Saturday, Dec. 16th, were unroofed and otherwise damaged by the gale, in and about Portland.

A union convention of the Sunday-schools in Kennebunk and vicinity, was held in Kennebunk last week. Alden Baker, of brought him into a very low condition. He Gardiner, was president, and S. F. Fair- is still unable to preach. Mrs. Walker, who field, of K., secretary. The meeting was spirited throughout, and the discussions Mass. Her labors are said to have resulted evinced that the ministers, a good share of in much good. whom were Methodists, were live Sabbath-

developed into a strong organization about again. two years ago at the close of the temperance camp-meeting, at Old Orchard, still continues under the presidency of E. G. Delano. Meetings are held each Sabbath evening in the City Hall, which is usually

A union Sunday-school convention was held the past week at Biddeford, and an organization effected for York County, with arnual meeting fixed in the month of May. Rev. H. Witcher has resigned the pastorate of the Free Baptist Church at Sacca-Holy Ghost upon the Church and commu-Free Baptist Church in Norwich, N. Y. L.

EAST MAINE. Waldoboro'. - The Churches in Waldoboro' are enjoying an outpouring of the spirit is being enjoyed. Several valuable ad-Holy Spirit. We held a few union meetwork of salvation still goes on. We have never seen it on this wise here. Christ is We hold the Spirit in the bond of peace: and we pray, ere the Conference year shall close, that many more names shall be enrolled among the saved of the Lor P.

Palermo, under the labors of Brother W. F. | were made. Chase. Some forty or fitty have been at the altar, and most of them have found justification. The work embraces all ages and conditions of the people. The older brethren there, remark that the like has not been wit-

nessed for many years. Rev. John B. Bean, a local preacher, and brother of Rev. L. H. and J. Bean, went home to rest, recently, after a long and painful illness. He had supplied in the regular work for a number of years, quite accepta-

Rev. N. Webb and family have been called to mourn the death of a daughter and sister. Addie was a graduate of Kent's Hill Female College, and an estimable young

lady. She had been in feeble health fo some time. Brother Wentworth, at Wiscasset, received

three young men into full membership Sabbath evening, Dec. 17. Rev. D. Smith, in charge of Bremen and

a valuable horse recently, by sickness. Being obliged last spring to hold the ses tendance was large, and the reports of the sion of our Conference four weeks later than usual, and then the Bishops having appointed the next session about two week

> years, a year of thirteen months and another of eleven. Quite a revival is in progress at Cross Hill. inder the labors of Rev. J. R. Clifford. They commenced the meetings under discouraging circumstances, but the faithful ones "Hold the Fort," and about a dozen, including the leader of the opposition party, have begun to

pray. "The battle is the Lord's." An extensive revival is in progress at Centre Montville. The whole community is stirred, and the church is filled to overflow every night.

Bradlev is to have a course of lectures this winter, the proceeds to help build a church. Rockport Churches are enjoying prosperily. At the M. E. Church seven or eight have een reclaimed recently, and an increasing interest prevails. The ladies of the society held a levee and fair in connection with a and intelligent brother, from near the ris-Christmas tree on Christmas night. The ing sun, was packing his trunk for a trip to proceeds are to be used in the purchase of a our city, when his good wife said, "Dear, pipe organ for the church. The Rockport had you not better take along some samples reform club is in a very flourishing condition. of the Berean lesson leaves? They will be

to leave the district with the close of the for we had had a full set for ten years previpresent Conference year. We doubt if a successor can be found who will share more JASON.

members as well as the public.

RHODE ISLAND.

prosperous winter term. The health of half ago a Methodist class was formed in the Eutchinson, Kan., Dec. 20.

ing him to be at his post of duty. C. the care of Rev. Thomas Ely, for eight years Rev. Mr. McWhinnie, of the Free Street a Presiding Elder, now a superannuated Baptist Church, Portland, is devoting Mon-day evenings to the exposition of the Sun-class was soon organized into a Church; but

the platform. He has gathered many of the It gives us great pleasure to report that poor, but the opportunity is one of rich promister is needed at once. The brethren are

#### RHODE ISLAND.

Rev. A. A. Cleaveland, of the New Hampshire Conference, has taken up his res-

Rev. Jonathan Cady, at the Pawtucket reunion, claimed that the first Sundayschool ever organized in New England, was Mass., delivered his popular lecture — "An the one of which he was a member at Centre-The class to which he belonged certainly turned out well, for three became Methodist ministers, two of them mayors of cities, 18th, in Portland, and open the District and all of them Christians. At the same meeting, Rev. James Mather claimed to have been a member of the second school in England, after that founded by Robert Raikes. That school still exists.

The preachers' meeting of Providence has lately been considering the subject of revivals. What is better, there are indications of revival in several of the Churches. At the First Church, Pawtucket, and at Hebronville, there have been more than a score added to each Church, while in several of the Providence Churches conversions are reported.

Rev. S. O. Benton, of East Greenwich, 's indisposed, and has been unable to preach for two or three Sundays past. It is hoped his illness is only temporary.

Rev. W. J. Smith, of Little Compton, to whose sickness allusion has already been made, was stricken down last fall by typhoid fever. He had, seemingly, nearly rehas supplied his desk, is from Leominster

Rev. A. C. Eggleston, financial agent of Wesleyan University, has lately made The temperance interest at Saco, which Providence a flying visit, and is coming

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Gleanings. - The Chestnut St. M. E. Church, Nashua, which for some time bas been undergoing repairs, is now finished, and was reopened Dec. 24. It has been tastily frescoed in oil, the organ has been put in thorough repair, the wood-work has been upon the floor, and the church now presents a very attractive appearance. The whole cost of the improvements - something less rappa, and has accepted a call to supply a than \$400 - has been easily met by voluntary contributions, so that no debt will remain. The condition of this society has not for year been so prosperous as now. All are perfect ly united under the leadership of the pastor Rev. L. P. Cushman, and a good revival ditions have recently been made to the

Since Mr. Potter, the evangelist, closed his labors in Plymouth, the union meetings have been continued. The Churches have been much quickened, and a goodly number of conversions have taken place. It is hoped the good work has but fairly begun.

A successful fair was lately held by the M E. Society of Portsmouth. A baby-show was A very gracious revival is in progress in one feature of it, at which eighteen entries

A fine new bell has just been placed in the tower of the Baptist church in Hopkinton a gift of Mrs. John Jones, a resident of th town.

Rev. C. O. Libby, formerly secretary of the Freewill Baptist Foreign Missionary Society died in Dover, Dec. 21. He was an honored member of the Freewill Baptist denomina tion, and his loss will be felt.

A mot ument is to be raised over the grave of Rev. Thomas Weld, the first minister of Nashua, sufficient funds having been secured among the citizens of the place. Mr. Weld was massacred by the Indians in 1702.

The beautiful chapel of the Baker Memori al M. E. Society, of Concord, was appropriately dedicated in the afternoon of Thursday. Dec. 21. Rev. B. K. Peirce, D. D., preache the sermon. The chapel is very tasty and convenient, and both pastor and people are deserving of large praise that this enterprise has been brought to a successful consumms Round Pond, has had the misfortune to lose tion, in spite of great embarrassments and difficulties.

Kansas Correspondence.

To some extent, there is misapprehension relative to Kansas people, socially and in tellectually. The time was when Ohio peo ple went to Indiana to teach school. The time is now when professional men think the West a good place for practice. Let it be remembered that Kansas population is made up from Illinois, Ohio, the Middle and New England States; and that many of our professional men passed under the shadow of those same universities. There are States east where dark spo:s, large as townships and counties, can be found. Such a thing, in Kansas, would be a phenomen

e North, South, East and West of our eighty thousand square miles of territory will not suffer by comparison with an State east. If I thought my politics would not be suspected, I would say that Kansas people vote with peculiar discernment Every county in the State went Republican

To illustrate the idea of misapprehension touching Kansas, I give a case. When the writer was in charge of ---- station, a noble They have lately removed into a new hall, great curiosity to the people out there.' and are about to open a reading-room for its He put them in, and in a few days was in our flourishing Sunday-school, and a stu-Presiding Elder Wardwell is holding his last dent in our well-taught Bible class. It was

brethren in the ministry and laity under his Should we be tempted to send missionaries Should we be tempted to send missionaries east, we hope to resist unto the bitter end. Great economies should not be reversed for trifling reasons. Come and see us, and we will meet you at the gats of our dugout mansion,

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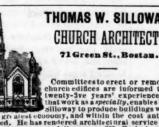
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BY REV. W. E. HUNTINGTON.

THE KINGDOM DIVIDED.

The portraiture of king Solomor which our last year's lessons gave us, left man. The sad sequel to his reign a reign which covered the most brilliant period in the history of Israel - we are now to review. Because Solomon was his nation. He soiled his fame and undermined the power of the throne upon which he sat for forty years, by profligacy and idolatry. From his own court Jeroboam went out a sworn enemy to the kingdom of Solomon; and Ahijah the prophet assured Jeroboam, by tearing his garment into twelve pieces and Shechem, expecting to take from a united people the crown that his father left. Jerobeam here confronted the prince, and in the name of the people, who claimed to have suffered from Solomon's oppressions, demanded reform, a galled them. Rehoboam asked the old men for counsel, and they said, Reform. He asked the young men for counsel, and they said. Chastise. Tell these restless subjects, they said, who are clamoring for a gentler sceptre than Solomon, that Rehoboam's " little finger shall be thicker than his father's loins;" whips, retribution shall now fall with

Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, etc. Jeroboam and the people were determined upon a new order of things, either by a reform in the administration which Rehoboam was about to take up, or by a revolt and the establishment of a separate kingdom. Rehoboam had met the demand which the revolutionists presented to him at Shechem, by postponing his decision for three days. During this time he consulted both the fathers, whose wise counsel he rejected, and the young men, whose hasty judgment that the malcontents of the realm should be whipped into submission was accepted. The people now gathered to hear this

the sting of scorpions.

The king answered the people roughly. Rehoboam had not the genius of a ruler. He was revengeful and harsh; the qualities of a despot were in him. It is holds authority, to make it felt by threats and abuse.

And forsook the old men's counsel. the people, and thus win them to obedience. The seniors of the nation unthe rebellion shows how wide-spread started for the railway station. would be a successful policy for the king to pursue, in order to restore peace and prosperity to the kingdom; but their wise words had no weight with the headstrong prince.

The way to rule is to serve; to do good and to stoop to do it. Those in power really sit highest, and easiest, and safest, that do

My father made your yoke heavy. The charge of the people against the reign of Solomon was no doubt exaggerated and unjust; for, in chapter iv, 25, the account is that, "all the days of Solomon," all the people dwelt safely, every man under his own vine and fig-tree. Rehoboam is not true to his father's memory in reiterating an unjust assertion against him.

I will add to your yoke. How foolish was this counsel of the young men, and how imprudent was the king to use it! He alienated his subjects by holding up before them a gloomy prospect of tyrannous rule.

I will chastise you with scorpions My father used only the common lash; I will scourge you with "thorn-whips, such as are used for slaves. These well-worded threats show that Rehoboam was determined upon exercising his power with a fixed policy of subjugating all discontent by cruelty. If your former tasks were severe, those you perform under me shall be more grinding. If taxes under Solomor were galling, those which Rehoboar levies shall make you groan.

The king hearkened not unto the pe ple. He acted the part of a senseless headstrong youth, inexperienced in the science of government, and unwilling to take the advice of good counselors. He seemed to be smitten with judicial blindness.

For the cause was from the Lord. There was a divine purpose at work; the prophecy uttered by Ahijah had gone forth like a doom upon Israel and its king. It was more than a mere passing discontent of a few people with the in-coming sovereign. God's mighty hand was cleaving the nation asunder.

God educates nations as the representa tives of principles. Nations are servitors of God's purposes. When a nation plants itself in the way of a plan of God for the prog ress of the race, Divine Providence wait with long-suffering while the pride and pomp and circumstance of national implety accu mulate (as with Israel under Solomon), but as the same time gathers along side of these the materials of retribution (Prof. Austin

What portion have we in David? The people felt themselves alienated from had turned with threats upon them; lineage of Jesse?

revolution possessed these outraged for. Israelites, and they were ready to as- Just at the last moment it was dis- befriended in any such way. sume a military attitude, and declare covered that the oysters for their little themselves cut loose from Rehoboam.

the impression upon our minds of a great is your child; your tribe has begotten the way and unlocked the door. this tyrant; now let him rule you; we will rather rebel.

great in wickedness as well as in wisdom, he left an inheritance of discord to in the cities of Judah became the sub- each round a colored wax-light was through. Some one came towards it, their king was worthy of their allegi- gayly striped twists of candy, oranges, climbing around them. ance and support.

The spirit of partisanship in politics or re- corn, with ripe, red apples. ligion often proves regardless of any princigiving him ten of them, that it was the ple that transcends party. Paul gave the This, too, had been reserved for Mr. divine purpose to divide the twelve Corinthian Church a rebuke for harboring a tribes between Solomon's successor and spirit so disastrous to their unity and effi-Jeroboam. After Solomon's death his ciency. National unity is endangered by a pearance. Then the mother called the son Rehoboam assembled the nation at grade of politics that is ready to sacrifice little ones round her, and tried to teach Dover gave her husband the presents great moral interests to the victory of a can-

sent to make terms with them, but, belightening of the heavy yoke which had ing an emissary of the hated king, his and those that were unkind, were going very presence was odious.

> etc. This was the first passionate outbreak | heavens. between the sovereign and his rebellious subjects, which resulted in the death of one of his chief ministers.

King Rehoboam made speed, etc. This overt act of rebellion frightened the and that whereas he chastised with king, so that he fled by chariot to his capital.

So Israel rebelled, etc. The royal Jewish history is henceforth, for a long a noise at the door as if it were being passage, to flow in two separate chan- opened by some one unused to it; then united the tribes. A people homoge and the missing man was before her. neous in history, language and religion, is rent in twain. Sin is the great separating force.

When all Israel heard that Jeroboam was come again, etc. When his return from Egypt had been made known throughout the revolting tribes, he was summoned by them to receive the crown and to set up a separate kingdom. We destiny, and the people now unite their voices to sanction and fulfill that prophecy. But it was rebellion still, and a revolt against that royal house which was made sacred both in its foundation not politic, to say the least, for one who by a divine hand, and through the promise it contained of producing, at last,

the world's Messiah And made him king over all Israel

of David, etc. Only a remnant remained ness, and came slowly into an upright to carry on the lineage of David, the son

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2 Who was Jeroboam? 3 Who was Solomon's rightful suc

4 Did the people have reason to com plain of misrule?

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6 In what respect was Rehoboam mpolitic as well as harsh?

7 Was Jeroboam justified in heading he rebellion? 8 Where lay the sin of the revolt?

9 How many tribes rebelled? 10 Was the kingdom of Israel ever re

The family.

#### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

BY HELEN CHASE STEELE.

Happy New Year, little readers! And all who shall hear my lay! May the good God above, And His infinite love,

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toys; Remember that Jesus Who died to redeem us Is beside you to share your joys.

A Happy New Year to the bables! Innocent, cunning and wee; Christ's hand uphold them, And His love unfold them, In the years that are to be!

Happy New Year, little Christians A joyous, bappy new year! When you cross the portal Of the city immortal, Oh, a happy, eternal year!

#### TWO CHRISTMAS LADDERS.

BY M. NEALL

There was a row of houses built very he had done his part and more. She much alike on Dedham Street. Every was not willing to do hers. He had betone was illuminated one Christmas eve, ter give himself up to having a good the royal line of David. They could but in the house on the corner, the chil- time independently of her. He had not feel loyalty to a pronounced tyrant dren seemed to be waiting for some- tried to make himself worthy of her love like Rehoboam, though he was David's thing. There were only two that be- and esteem, and this was what came of grandson. But the house of David longed in the family, but their mother it. It was of no use. Ab, if a brimhad invited three or four who had noth- ming glass had been passed to his lips on the 18th of April, 1759, after a very verse about letting the angry pas- As we were all exclaiming over the had turned with threats upon them; had furned with threats upon the provided for their amusement at of that which makes for a little while useful and threats upon the provided with the provid home, on this evening of all evenings what is unreal, real; and what is so years.

To your tents, O Israel! The spirit of when children should be happily cared miserably real seem unreal, he would

feast had not come, and the father had in sight of his once happy home. A

As for the children of Israel, etc. from the floor to the ceiling extended gilt paper, toys, and snowy balls of pop-

Dover, who still failed to make his ap-Then king Rehoboam sent Adoram - skies. How evermore their feet were sometimes written Adoniram. This was on its rounds, either going up or coming sending a tax-gatherer to treat with an down, and never standing still. When over-taxed people. He was probably they were good, how they were climbing upwards; but disobedient children, down backwards, and would not reach And all Israel stoned him with stones, the top that rested in the beautiful

To distribute the presents came, next.

After this they played awhile longer, and then began to be sleepy and tired. The invited guests went home, and the others to bed, and still Mrs. Dover sat waiting and watching with not a little anxiety now, that was deepening steadily into alarm.

Twelve o'clock. She started to go to house was now divided. The stream of a neighbor's for help, when she heard nels. The integrity of Solomon's great a shuffling gait along the hall, an awkempire is broken. Rebellion has dis- ward attempt to open the parlor door, Something seemed to keep Mrs. Dover from springing to meet him. Some thing was now dilating her nostrils, opening her eyes very wide, parting her lips; but she did not speak.

As her husband came with uncertain steps towards ber, a foot caught in the ladder, and he swayed and fell tripping ly to the floor. Making but little attempt cannot accuse Jeroboam of self-seeking to rise, he was soon apparently sleeping when a prophet had foretold to him his heavily. Mrs. Dover looked at him with a mixture of dismay and contempt. Though she knew he was not a strictly temperance man, she had never dreamed of seeing him in this character.

Long she sat thinking swiftly; then commenced to go about the house, carbringing out others. In the cold, gray They begged the king to be a servant to \_\_over all the tribes, except Benjamin children, putting on warm outer garand Judab. The numerical strength of ments, and with herself in readiness

There was none that followed the house floor began to show signs of consciousposition, cold, stiff, and in no very enviable frame of mind. The man soon took in the situation - the deserted house, his high-spirited wife, and the good home she had to go to, where parents would sympathize in the disgrace he had brought upon her.

How he despised himself! How he despised those "good, sociable fellows," as he had called them only the evening before, who had persuaded him to step in "just for a Christmas drink, you know;" and jolly good company he had thought them while forgetting his errand, his waiting wife and expectant children.

Biddy McLain was no kind of consolation to him. She was an old friend of the family, and had seen much service in it. He took his meals at her house and if ever he complained or attempted to defend his conduct, she would exclaim, " No wonder she left you, not a bit; and you a-thinkin' more of those roystering, good-for-nothing tipplers than of her and the pretty children! I'd left if I'd been in her place, and I wouldn't come back in a hurry either good home as she's got; and they nev er over and above wanted her to have voq either. Needn't tell me - guess I know all about it;" and sniffing the smoky air of her kitchen, Biddy would

completely reduce him to silence. Long enough seemed the year he worked and boarded in this way. But the club invitations lost their charm. Now that he had seen what they could sources of temptation, but of remorse. When hints of Christmas began again to cheer, he provided himself with many early one morning took them in a team and drove off in the direction of Lester Farms where lived his wife's fa-

Cold, bungry, eager, expectant, he up. A tenant came out of a house near by, and said, "the folks had all gone away to spend Christmas." That was all he knew. Mr. Dover found a place to eat, and rest for his tired horse, and then, completely discouraged, started

slowly to return. And now an old evil spirit which had been patiently abiding its time commenced to assail him, suggesting that

have drained it at once! But he was not In the edge of the evening he came

See to thine own house, David. Here gone out for them. Mrs. Dover beguiled light was shining there. It was on fire, the line between the tribes seems to have the time by playing, singing and telling perhaps, and he bitterly thought it did been drawn. The tribe of Judah, from stories, but the children were impatient not matter much to him if it was. Yet which David sprang, was called upon by to go into the parlor. It was now eight. he drove on faster. The lower part of the revolutionists to endure the tyranny Feeling not a little vexation of spirit, the house was blazing with light, the of Rehoboam. As much as to say, He she decided to wait no longer, but led curtains were up, and as he got nearer In the attitude of prayer. he could see people moving inside. He Thou shalt guide me with Thy counse No wonder the children screamed and soon fastened his horse, and went softly danced round wild with delight. There, up the gravel walk. The curtain had partly fallen over the window that The members of the tribes who lived an evergreen ladder. At the end of opened on the piazza. He looked jects of Rehoboam. They submitted to burning, that glowed and sparkled all raised the curtain, and let the pitiless the representative of the line which had down its long green length - a shiring light stream full upon him. Then, inits origin in their tribe. Perhaps a lit- way of brightness. The heavier and stead of a window, it was a door, and tle tribal loyalty brought Judah to this more cumbrous gifts were arranged they had met upon the threshold - the stand. It was certainly not because near the base, but towards the top were husband and wife, with the children Truly, God is good to Israel "-

> How fresh and inviting everything looked! There was another Christmas ladder just where the other had been, with colored candles burning and blinking and twinkling like stars at the end of each evergreen round; and every round was loaded with gifts. Mrs. them the lesson of life's ladder which she had prepared the year before; but stretches up between the earth and there was nothing to compare with the one on the topmost round for her. It was the pledge, and signed with the name of Preston Dover.

#### HANDEL, THE MUSICIAN.

BY COL. HENRY LITTLE.

In my former communication, dated August 31, I gave the date of Handel's birth, also of the time of his decease. his age, and but few particulars of this illustrious and voluminous composer. I now give other particulars, say a few of his very noted pieces of music composed at different times during his life of 75 years. It is said he never allowed himself to be idle a single moment.

I quote some facts written by Charles E. Pascoe, in Appleton's Journal; also from other sources. Whitechurch speaks far more of the genius of Handel than it does of the regal magnificence of the comparatively unknown Duke of Chandos. Down the lane leading to the church must have passed time and time again the wonderful man of music. His features, finely marked, and his countenance placid, bespeaking dignity attempered with benevolence - the man of genius all over, with the large, full forehead, the counterpart in dress deportment and lineament of the only true likeness we have of this grea man, is the statue on his tomb in Westminster Abbey.

He was a man of singular breadth of heart. The latter days of his life were wholly spent in acts of benevolence. The glorious "Messiah" was performed under the personal direction of Handel himselt for the first time at Dublin. rving one thing and another away, and His charity to the Foundling Hospital in London is notorious.

Handel was a man of the most extraordinary activity of mind, an intense tom that obtained in our neighborhood idea of what was to become of me. worker, and one of the most gifted as naldo," the first opera, I believe, ever performed in England, and one which met with extraordinary success, was composed so rapidly that Rossi, the Italian poet who wrote the words, dein his work that to his (Rossi's) great bright-colored game on the round taastonishment it was entirely produced

The grand oratorio of Samson was composed in thirty-five days. The sublime and magnificent "Messiah" appeared in manuscript entire within twenty-three days from the date the composer penned the first note.

Handel seems to have been perpetually working. He no sooner conceived an idea than it took shape, and with little turning over in the brain appeared ultimately, and in marvelously short ime, be it said, either as some elaborate composition of consummate workmanship and skill, or as a less pretentious piece of music of score, harmony and beauty.

One day, as Handel was on his way to Cannons, he took shelter from a shower in a humble cottage which stands at the back of the shed. The Powell, who followed his energetic calling of a blacksmith. He was the parish clerk of his grace of Chandos' chapel at Whitechurch. After the usual salutations had passed between them, forge in the shed, and being, like most cials. blacksmiths, light of heart as well as strong of limb, he sung a song while new train put on in two weeks, and I he wielded the hammer. Handel, deepdo and undo, they were to him no longer ly interested, listened for a moment. By an extraordinary phenomenon, the hammer, striking in tune, drew from the anvil two distinct harmonic sounds, a bundle and mysterious package, and which, being in accord with the melody Powell was singing, made a sort of continuous bass. Handel was charmed and surprised. His brain conceived an began to shape. The ring of the ham- down, and west, over the line I ex- and scaring them with his fast runmer on the anvil and voice of the black-

> - the harpsichord. At once he went home, and in due time "The Harmonious Blacksmith" was composed and given to the world: and after the lapse of a century and a half, it is to this day held to be one of couldn't get along without it. the most charming and popular melodies ever composed by man.

piece for Handel's favorite instrument

Great musicians are prone to be sen-

#### A LEGEND OF ST. FRANCISCA.

BY LUTHERA WHITNEY.

On a prayer-desk of the chapel, In an old baronial hall, Lay a priceless vellum Bible, Chained and bolted to the wall.

Before it, on a velvet cushion, Was Francisca of the Yare Reading from the holy volume

As she read she heard a call: Master, with his hunting party, Waits your coming in the hall." Half an hour she spent in talking

Of the coming chase and feast; Horse and bounds, and tercel gentle, That should ride upon her wrist. Then, returning to the chapel.

She began the Psalm anew,

"Mama, mama, I want you,"

Called her daughter from the nursery And no shadow dimmed her face, Though she left her index pointing To the same remembered place. carcely had she hushed the baby, When three holy pilgrims stood

In Christ's name for rest and food Thus I serve Thee in my household Of my work an offering make, Sanctify it, O my Father, And accept it for His sake."

At the draw-bridge, humbly craving

Praying thus, she served the pilgrims From the castle's choicest store; And the fourth time read her lesson. To the same verse as before.

The fifth time at the threshold She paused in mute surprise, She saw an angel rise. He touched her blessed Bible

With his starred and plumed pen, Then slowly floated upward, And she stood alone again. With reverent feet she sought her desk,

And knelt in silent awe, For on the letters of her text, The angel's work she saw. No longer black with seriv'ner's ink, But golden, clear and bright,

These words upon the vellum page Shone with a heavenly light : -"Nevertheless I am continually with hee. Thou hast holden me by my right and. Thou shalt guide me with Thy el, and afterward receive me to glory

'Tis but an idle legend Of the old monastic time; But in it read a lesson For your busy life and mine.

#### STORY OF A BANK NOTE.

BY MRS. ANNIE A. PRESTON

John Chamberlain was just home rom the West, where he had met with no end of adventures - the general experience of your New England boy. when he strikes out toward the setting sun in pursuit of bread and butter.

The Chamberlains had all come in, without ceremony, to spend the evening, in accordance with a pleasant cus-- Aunt Mary, as every one called brought to him, under his arm.

clared that the composer was so switt pered to our Mamie as they spread the was right.

We all questioned, and John went from one story of railroad life to anin fact, fall in with a variety of people, and with ever-shifting scenes.

"I suppose you always managed to get enough to eat of something," said father, as we were all laughing over and, no doubt, in rather an imperious the description of his first experience in eating Bologna sausage and Limberger cheese.

"Always, with but one exception," said John, hitching his chair around so

as to face father. "I'll tell you how it was. I had go ired of the road where I commenced cottage was the dwelling-place of one the valley disagreed with me; so, hear- to pay for my breakfast, when, care- in theology you would like to ask?" and Z. L. Road, I went straight to lowa. Arrived there I had an interview with the master-mechanic of the road, and showed him my letters of recomthe blacksmith went to work at his mendation from various railroad offi-

> "He told me that there was to be a should have it.

"Thinking a bird in the hand worth two in the bush, I ran my machine into the nearest hash-house, or, in other at a hotel, and lounged around, getting it being familiar to me. acquainted with the locality and the over the different roads with some in getting the officers of the road into idea on the discovery, and forthwith it brother engineer, up the river and his cab when the train is behind time, pected to run.

smith should be made to form a noted "I hadn't much money, for I had been down with the fever and ague so I asked, stepping up to the man as he often that I had not been able to get paused a moment in his story. ahead; it took all my wages above my board for quinine. It is a fact that I very pleasantly; 'he drives the fast used to carry it loose in my vest pock- express from Madison to La Crosse.' et, and eat it when I was so weak I "I ran back to the depot again, and,

sitive, and Handel was intensely so find that the 'old man' had forgotten old acquaintance - Jim Mathews - in Friday. It was even so. He expired mad, for she would repeat that little fourth."

the Union Pacific, with a party on a articles, etc. hunting expedition, and couldn't be bother him than for any other reason, are but few such railroad officials.

"Well, I went back to my hotel as down-hearted and homesick a boy as note. you would care to see. It was eight o'clock Monday morning. I paid my bill, and had five cents left. I had not been to breakfast, and hadn't much ap- me." petite; so, taking my traveling bag. I left for the station. On my way there that stood between me and starvation.

"I took the first train for Chicago via Peoria, Illinois. There was no that my hand looks deformed. trouble about my fare, for I had my papers proving me to be a railroad

"Arriving at Peoria, I inquired for a former chum of mine who had been a telegraph operator there the last I

" 'He left for the East a month ago. heel, too disappointed to speak a word, and jumped aboard a train which stood waiting. In two minutes I was steaming toward Chicago by the way of Jo-

"I felt pretty blue I can tell you. I wasn't brought up to beg, and there wasn't much of a show to borrow, and, under the circumstances, borrowing would look very much like begging.

"On and on we went, all day and all night. You may well believe that I thought of this old New England town and the little cottage at home, its pantry, and mother and the girls, and of little Tommy here - how full his stomach probably was of bread and milk. " As it grew toward morning, I said with prayerful unction, and with a pervading sense of the real meaning of the words, 'Give us this day our daily

John paused a moment to recover his voice, which he had, somehow, lost just here. Aunt Mary took off her glasses and wiped them on a corner of her black silk apron, while little Tom left his place at the table, and softly coming round, leaned on his brother's

shoulder. John went on: -"We drew up in the Chicago depot in the gray March morning, and I picked up my carpet-bag and stumbled out of the car, faint and heavy-hearted, not acquainted with a soul in the city, and without any definite aim, or any

"I happened to glance down on the well as one of the most learned men Mrs. Chamberlain, with her knitting, depot platform as I jumped from the who have ever lived. His opera of "Ri. Jane and Gertie with their crochet car steps, my eye falling upon what I work, and little Tom with "the cheq- supposed to be a wad of refuse paper. people had been a good deal bewilured game of life," which John had I impulsively stooped and picked it up, dered by a self-ordained preacher, who John was always good-natured, full was still left burning in the early morn- suited his whims, and who was wont to of fun, and was now - little Tom whis- ing, I soon found that the muddy little make merry over the idea of future punble - "brimful of stories." As we no use in looking for an owner in that you believe in a hell?" I said. "Are drew our chairs in a circle around the rusbing, crowding mass of people, and you anxious to know what I think of open fire, we found that the little fel- somehow I felt as if the money had hell?" He said, "Yes." "Well." said other; for a locomotive engineer does, again, that God cares momentarily for poor soul. The more she struggled to even the smallest of His creatures.

"I shut my hand tight upon the bank eating-house, where, very hurriedly, the niece came bounding into the room: manner. I ordered the waiter to bring me ham and eggs, brown bread and hell, I just want to know whar dey gits

"After the waiter brought the meal to my table, and I began to eat, I felt

that restaurant that morning. work when I went West. It was a enough to ascertain its denomination takes dere own brimstone wid 'um.' rough track, and the climate all along until I walked up to the check-counter ing there were men wanted on the B. lessly taking it from my fob pocket He said, "No;" and he went home, I where I had tucked it, and smoothing hope, with a new idea that sin brings it out, I found it to be a twenty-dollar greenback, as true as I sit here! Wasn't I rich?" and John brushed the "their own brimstone" even in this tears from his eyes with the rest of us, world. - Bishop Whipple. and choked up, and swallowed two or three times before he proceeded.

"As I went out upon the street again with my carpet-bag still in my feetly good, even when we don't quite hand, I met some men whom I took to know what it is, and cannot do what be railroad hands, entering the eating- we would, we are a part of a divine house, talking quite loudly about an power against evil, widening the skirts words, not in railroad lingo, I put up engineer whose name caught my ear, of light, and making the struggle with

" A good-hearted but reckless sort railroad men, and occasionally running of chap,' said one, 'who takes pride ning.

" Where is Jim Mathews now?

as luck would have it, a train for Mad-"When the first day of March came, ison would start in fifteen minutes. I I went, as I had been instructed, to got aboard, and was soon on my way. head-quarters, for my orders, only to "I had no difficulty in finding my

"'Up in Wisconsin,' he

when the members of his choir made a all about me, and had promoted a fire- Madison. There was no vacancy on mistake at his exhibitions. He was a man to the identical situation that had the road where he was at work, but he man greatly beloved. His prayer was been promised to me. I shouldn't like sent me to Winona, Minnesota, where answered that he might die on Good to say in mother's presence that I was I found a job, and went to work March

of my mind. But it didn't make the around our cheery fire. The general least impression upon him. He was conversation turned, after a while about starting on a trip, on the line of upon traveling, losing baggage, small

"The only time that I ever lost anytroubled with my small affairs; would thing, when traveling," said Mrs. pay no heed to the matter of expense I Hutchings, "was a year ago last had been subjected to while waiting spring when I came home from Chifor his orders; wouldn't give me a pass cago. I started East on the early to Chicago, nor lend me a dollar, al- morning train, and just before I though I asked him for that more to stepped from the depot platform. where we had been standing a mohe was so disagreeable. Happily there ment hurriedly exchanging our final messages to our friends, to my car, my brother William handed me a bank

> "'I don't want it,' I said, 'I have money enough for my journey, and that is as much as I care to have about

"But he insisted that I might need it; so I took the note and tucked it in I bought two apples with my five cents, my glove, as I supposed, between the and put them in my pocket with a glove and my hand, as I have a trick queer consciousness that they were all of doing with my change when I am shopping. I frequently come home with my glove so stuffed out with scrip " I didn't think of the note again un-

til the train was miles away, when, having finished reading the morning paper, and being about to settle myself into a comfortable position, I bethought me of my kind brother's present, when lo! it was not to be found. I felt rather badly, of course, but said the station agent. I turned on my prayed in my heart that some needy person might find it, and so did net make myself unbappy about it.

"After arriving safely home, and writing my brother. I asked him how much money there was, he gave me that morning. He replied that 'it was a twenty-dollar greenback!"

"When was it?" asked John, jumping from his chair and standing in front of the lady. "Can you tell me the year, and the month, and the day?" "Certainly, for this was the only lengthy journey I ever made, and I well remember all the dates. It was Tuesday morning, March 2, 187-.

"Then," said John, taking out his pocket-book, "I owe you twenty dollars with interest from that time to the present." Although he retold that part of his story relating to the finding of the bank

bread;" for I hadn't had a mouthful to note to Mrs. Hutchings, she would not take his money. eat, excepting those apples, since Sun-They finally compromised by agreeing that the money should be given to a needy young man in the neighborhood, who was an invalid.

> "I will make it twenty-five," said John, as he handed the roll of bills over to father to be given next morning to poor, patient Chester Shelden. And so our pleasant party for that

evening broke up, all of us, even down to little Tom and Mamie, being greatly impressed by this touching incident, which brought the truth freshly home to all our hearts. "Your Father knows what things ye have need of."

### CARRYING THEIR OWN RRIM.

and, going along under a gas jet that accepted only so much of the Bible as ball, which many feet had stepped ishment, a man stepped up to me and upon, was a greenback! There was said in a canting voice, "Bishop, do come straight from heaven in answer I, "the best answer I have ever heard, to my prayer. I have never had a came from a poor negro woman. She doubt since, and never shall have had a young niece who sorely tried the keep this willful charge in the right way, the more she seemed to wander. note, and made a rush for the nearest One day, after hearing a new preacher,

> " Aunty, aunty, I sin't gwine to believe in a hell no more. Ef dar is any all dere brimstone fur dat place; dat's wot I'd like to know!'

"The old woman fixed her eyes on her there was one truly thankful heart in and, with a tear on ber cheek, said, 'Ah! honey darlin', you look out you "I hadn't looked at the note long don't go dare, for you'll find dey all

> I said. " Is there ary other question sorrow, and that to be saved we need deliverance from sin. Some men carry

I have a belief of my own and it comforts me, that by desiring what is perdarkness narrower. — George Eliot.

#### PLEASANTRIES.

A young brother, who was desirous of improving his style as a pulpit orator, wrote to Jacob Gruber, a quaint old Methodist preacher, asking instruction. The young man had contracted the habit of prolonging his words, especially when under excitement. Regarding this as the most serious defect in his elocution, Gruber sent him the following laconic reply :-

" Dear-ah Brother-ah : - When-ah you-ah go-ah to-ah preach-ah, take-ah care-ah you-ah don't-ah say-ah ah-ah! Yours ah.

" JACOB-AH GRUBER-AH."

"Mrs. Henry," said John to his wife. he other morning, "if you give me a Christmas present, this year, please arrange it so that the bill won't come in till the next month. It's just as well to keep up the illusion for a short time." "I never did like mutton with ca-

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CHARLESTON LETTER.

ME. EDITOR: Allow me to say what first comes to my mind in writing you, knew her life, and were acquainted which is, thank God for Zion's HERALD! with her spirit, believe that she has not only because it is sweet, but right, joined the company of the heavenly. and never more true. We are fighting in South Carolina on "ZION'S HERALD policy," and we never intend to change our tactics so long as God is no respect- again. er of persons; and allow me to say to the Atlanta Advocate, that we claim to spected alone, and who dare divide us but those who are acting after the flesh?

The political outlook is more encouraging than for some time past, though to have peace even if they have to fight exemplified till her death, which occurred Nov. 25, 1876, at the age of 34. for it. On the other hand, the Democrats seemed bound to have victory even blush. Hundreds have been thrown out of work in this city; some have been white Republicans, "We have no place Church mourns and hopes with them.

J. W. ADAMS. for you in the Church." The meetings in colored churches have been broken shot down like a mad dog. Colored women have been insulted and beaten when returning home from Church; but all this is tame, in comparison with other events that some of your readers or "padded" (every colored man knows what this means) till their finger nails were knocked off, and then compelled to vote for Tilden. The case of Eliza Pinkerson is too horrid to relate. His was the victory that overcometh the His was the victory that over control to the His was the victory that over control to the His was the victory that over control to the His was the victory that over control to the His was the victory that over control to the His was the victory that over control to the His was the victory that over control to the His was the victory that over the hiddlike the His was the victory that over the hiddlike the His was the victory that over the hiddlike the hidd The woes of the colored people in this The woes of the colored people in this world, even our faith. In childlike late election cannot be told. Many of trust he passed from earth to heaven. them are saying, "Jesus knows all shout it."

arm hold with an iron grasp all these Southern rebels. Their great cry against no need of police forces in our cities. Away with them! Second, let the North frown on all such wickedness, whether in Church or State. All this talk of compromise, and this twaddle about fraterity, without any basis except in a The subject of this notice experienced.

Sister Thayer, "Ye are the light of the world."

D. M. TRUE.

Mr. DAVID CHADWICK died in Washington, Me., Oct. 13, 1876, aged 84 years and 6 months.

The subject of this notice experienced in exhortation in the varied experience.

Just as the clouds begin to clear away, prayer for our success. T. J. ABBOTT.

Charleston, S. C. Dec. 14.

DOMESTIC RECIPES. CRANBERRIES will keep all winter in

a firkin of water, in a cellar. ORANGES and lemons keep best

wrapped in soft paper, and, if possible, laid in a drawer.

APPLE JOHNNY CAKE. - Scald one quart of fine or " medium " corn-meal with one quart of boiling water, and add and chopped. Mix evenly, spread one inch thick on a tin, and bake forty minutes in a quick oven, or until the apples are tender. Serve warm.

### Obituaries.

Rev. JOHN B. BEAN died at the residence of his son-in-law, L. C. Scammon, in Lincolnville, Nov. 27th, 1876

He was licensed in 1856, and ordained local deacon in 1870 by Bishop Simpson. He preached in Friendship one year; Lincolnville three; Waldoboro' two; Pittstonone; Bristoltwo; Franklin two; and Lincolnville two. There was much of the earnest in his make-up, and work hard he would and did till obliged to cease. He was sick long, and suffered much, but was triumphant amid it all, and God gave him a peaceful end, aged 78 years.

Among the last things said, was a strong

Brother Rice desire that one soul might be converted

Great kindness was shown him by nany warm-hearted friends; and, on the day of his funeral, the Masons had charge of the ceremonies. His family made special mention of the kindness of the Church. One more rests from labor. B. S. A.

woman the perfect symmetry of a Christian character. The Church pressed her o its bosom, and loved her dearly; and she was worthy of its love. A year and tended only to purify and elevate her spiritual life. Expressions of resignation, trust and hope which she uttered will gem the tablet of affectionate memory till we meet her again. Her soul, attuned to the divinest harmony, took the name of Jesus with it to the last. Feebly it rose above the roar of Jordan's waves and blended with the chorus,

Precious name, O how sweet -Hope of earth and joy of heaven." We miss the voice now, but hope to hear it again in the song-land.

J. W. ADAMS.

are over. She had long been laying up treasure in heaven. Her conversation was in heaven. Her associates who

be the banner Conference in the South in every line of comparison, and a part joined the M. E. Church under the laof our success is that we know no man our success is that we know no man our of Rev. John Currier of Tilton, N. H, in 1856. A clerk in the posturged to accept the appointment of post-mistress, but failing health would not wonderfully mixed; but the general impression is that the Republicans are triumphant, and, as heretofore, are bound the serior of the need of holiness, while hearing a sermon by Rev. T. Carter. This blessing she sought, obtained and After a long struggle with consumption, she yielded. She had perfect triumph if they had to fight, and some of the means used to secure a "solid South for Tilden" would cause a Hottentot to sician, indicating that she was dying. she clapped her hands and thanked God. The young husband and devoted parents expect to meet her among the whiteshot; ministers have raged, and said to robed ones in the tearless realm. The

Our Church in Centre and South Or-

JOHN ROLLINS died in Orrington, Me. July 18th, 1876, aged 84 years Brother Rollins was converted in New Sharon, Me., in 1828, and joined the was called to share in the official coun-M. E. Church in Orrington a few years cils of the Church, and thenceforth conknow. Oil has been poured on men and then set on fire, and afterwards they were shot; others have been whipped of our Zion that will be missed.

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RICHARD C. NYE died in Orrington, Sept. 1st, aged 78 years, 11 months and

Sister NANCY THAYER, wife of Brother Mordecai Thayer, died in Orrington, What is the remedy? Is there no Oct. 8th, aged 76 years. Sister Thayer balm? What is to be done?—are seri- was converted in 1822, and joined the ous questions. First, let the military M. E. Church. In about three years after her conversion she received the blessing of perfect love. She lived in Southern rebels. Their great cry against the enjoyment of this grace through the militia is proof of its necessity. All lite, and in death she rejoiced in its thieves and robbers would say, we have mighty power. It could be said, with peculiar appropriateness, of such as Sister Thayer, "Ye are the light of the always loyal to the Church, an ardent

The subject of this notice experienced in exhortation, in the varied exercises few brains of large-hearted men, has religion more than forty years since, incident to his religious profession, he done a vast amount of injury in the and soon joined the M. E. Church, of constantly impressed those around him which he continued a faithful member until transferred to the Church above. Character. Constitutionally thoughtful This aged brother loved the Church of and cautious, he never lost his balance, it has been thought best to hold a "Home Camp-meeting" in Centenary Church; her welfare. Many of our weary itiner-Camp-meeting" in Centenary Church; and Rev. E. Davies, an evangelist from New England, is doing good service for his Master. These meetings are attended with great power. I request, not because customary, but because there is power in it, that the reader breathe a good resting power in it, that the reader breathe a good resting power in it, that the reader breathe a good resting power in a good resting place with him and his kind family. Some more than two years since his health became deduce, and, once persuaded as to the leadings of duty, no pressure could ever turn him from his course. This fact made him the safest of counselors and the tracet of friends, since, aided by the could take no part in life's concerns. But when spoken to about Jesus, salvaments are represented in the heats of pasher welfare. Many of our weary itiners dence, and, once persuaded as to the leadings of duty, no pressure could ever turn him from his course. This fact made him the safest of counselors and the tracet of friends, since, aided by the could take no part in life's concerns.

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ABRAHAM PLUMER. North Waldoboro', Me.

MARY BURGIN died in great peace at Searsport, Me., August 23, aged 40

Sister B. believed in and used the means of grace. We always expected to see her at the class and prayer-meet- years and 5 months. one pint of sweet apples pared, cored ing, and also in her seat in the church and chopped. Mix evenly, spread one upon the Sabbath. She was no "fairweather Christian," but came to meeting through the storms as well as the sunshine. She was ever ready to lend a helping hand to all that was of interall with whom she was acquainted. est to the M. E. Church of which she She was a very dutiful and loving was a member, or to aid Christianity in any form. Mottoes are in the church vestry and also in the Y. M. C. A.

Above all these, she was a consistent rooms, which are the work of her hands Christian. She was converted some - reminders to her friends of her unselfish life. Doubtless she had faults. hat were noticeable by some, but the Cross covered all of her sins: and her will, as she said a little while before her

> and death found her ready. Searsport, Me.
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> Died in Yarmouth, Me., October 14th, 1876, Calvin Rice, aged 80 years and 6 months. Also, in the same We had a solemn funeral and many funeral and funeral years and 6 months. Also, in the same We had a solemn funeral, and many

place, October 31st, JOANN B. RICE, Brother Rice was a "good man full ing sight when Julia's Sabbath-school of faith and the Holy Ghost." His wife, teacher went to the casket to look for who so soon followed him to the better land, was temporally and spiritually a scholar. She was followed by ten help-meet indeed. For more than forty other young ladies in her class, about years they were members of the M. E. the age of Julia. Church, and each year the HERALD found its way to their home. For many years they resided in North Yarmouth. Here Bro. R. was class-leader, steward, Mrs. Hannah A. Kemp, wife of D. and the leading spirit in the Church, and she, too, was at the post of du'y.

M. Kemp, esq., of Tilton, N. H., died Oct. 31, 1876, aged 40 years.

Sister K's conversion about two years ago gave to this naturally amiable woman the restort ago gave to the naturally amiable woman the restort ago gave to the naturally amiable woman the restort ago gave to the naturally amiable woman the restort ago gave to the naturally amiable woman the restort ago gave to the naturally amiable woman the restort ago gave to the naturally amiable woman the restort ago gave to the naturally amiable woman the restort ago gave to the naturally amiable woman the restort ago gave to the naturally amiable woman the restort ago gave to the naturally amiable woman the restort ago gave to the naturally amiable woman the restort ago gave to the naturally amiable woman the restort ago gave to the naturally amiable woman the restort ago gave to this naturally amiable woman the restort ago gave to this naturally amiable woman the restort ago gave to the naturally amiable woman the restort ago gave to the naturally amiable woman the restort ago gave to the naturally amiable woman the restort ago gave to the naturally amiable woman the restort ago gave to the naturally amiable woman the restort ago gave to the naturally amiable woman the restort ago gave to the naturally amiable woman the restort ago gave to the naturally amiable woman the restort ago gave to the naturally amiable woman the restort ago gave to the naturally amiable woman the restort ago gave to the naturally amiable woman the natural son in Yarmouth. There being no Methodist meeting in the place, they worshiped with the Baptist society. Their pastor and others witness to their a half of severe but patient suffering eminently holy life and godly conversation. It was the privilege of the ber son-in-law, S. B. Pettengill. She writer to visit them during their sickness—for they were both sick at the same time; and it was doubtful which would first pass over the river. I found that the chamber where the good meet

> G. W. BARBER. North Yarmouth. Died in North Yarmouth, Me., De-

their fate is "quite on the verge of

North Yarmouth.

where she labored for more than fifty years, in her neighborhood and home, this devotion was ever manifest. Solf was always forgotten in her care for others, even to the very last hour of life. Her last days furnished the brightest example of unselfish love that has ever passed under the observation of the passed under the observation of the writer. In all that transpired as she apparing of sallow complexion and cleaning of the tongue. proached the cold river, no trace of anxiety for her own safety, in word or look, was manifest. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord."

E. SKINNER. In East Boston, Oct. 10, George P.

Phinney died very suddenly of acute pleurisy, aged 49 years.

He was born at Monument, in this State, where many of his family con-nections still reside. Having in early life spent a number of years at sea, he afterwards settled in Osterville, where he married and continued in business until his removal to East Boston, about nineteen years ago. Naturally inclined to serious impressions, and favored with the soundest religious culture from the

up, and for weeks no one dared attend a social meeting in the evening lest he be with three of its oldest and much loved members.

Our Chiffen in Centre and South Of the Soundest rengious chain the soundest rengious chair the foundations of that sterling integrity which adorned his character in after years. While comparatively young he was called to share in the official counian St. Society of East Boston, and when, early in the last season, he deemed it best to transfer his membership te

Saratoga St., he still retained, at the earnest desire of the brethren, his old PREPARED BY place in the board of trustees, which he had likewise filled for a considerable

Brother Phinney was gifted with sound sense, cool judgment, unwavering persistency of purpose, and, best of all, an active and over: uling conscience. Careful and methodical in business, h wisely planned for his own interest, and bent his energies in every legitle Christian, he was devout and uniform. constantly impressed those around him with the solid worth and weight of his

in conscious readiness for the great surrender, with no need of formal leavetakings nor of parting assurance

Beverly, Mass., Dec. 1. Died in Searsmont, Nov. 28, 1876. JULIA, daughter of Brother Charles B.

It is rare that we have to record the death of one so much beloved by the entire community as our dear Julia. four years ago under the labors of Rev E. M. Fowler. She has never faltered

in her Christian course. Her sickness was long and distress-ing, which she bore with Christian padeath, was the will of her God. She tience. Her death was triumphant was a buoyant and hopeful Christian, She talked to all of her friends, and exhorted them to meet her in heaven. wept as they took leave of the remain of the departed. It was a most affectthe last time on the remains of her

N. WEBB. Died in Weston, Dec. 5, ALMIRA FULLER, in the 94th year of her age. Sister Fuller was the oldest person in the town, and she had been a member of the M. E. Church for nearly In her prime she was a strong minded, vigorous woman, but during the later years of her life, she was quite feeble. She died at the residence of

A pillar of the Church below has fallen, to become "a pillar in the temple of our God." JEREMIAH LAKE, of Franklin Falls, N. H., died Oct, 3

1876, of typhoid fever.

Brother Lake was one of the strong men of our Church. Few could have been missed as much from us as he. cember 6th, 1876, SALLY LORING, aged He was a man always to be depended years.
Sister L. and her brother, Ammi that it has suffered such affliction, yet J. W. Adams.

Mrs. Judith Wells died in Tilton,
Nov. 4, 1876, aged 52 years.

Sister W. knew the grace of God for many years. This grace made her willing to die. Many attacks of severe illing to die. Many attacks of severe

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Jan. - Brookline, 6, 7; Westboro', 18, 14; Hudson, 20, 21; Rockbottom, p. m., 21; Marlboro, eve. 503, 20, 21; Bockottom, p. m., 21; Manboro, eve. 21; West Medway, 25; Hoillston, 26; Upton, 27, 28; Mendon, p. m., 28; Milford, eve., 28. Fib.— Hopkinton, 3, 4; Ashland, p. m., 4; South Framingham, eve., 4; Winthrop Street, Boston, 6; Highlands Church, 8; Natick, 10, 11; Cochituate,

p. m., II.; Saxouville, evening, II; South Walpole, 13; Franklio, II; Walpole, I3; Roslindale, I7, I8; Egleston Square, p. m., 18; Jamsha Plain, eve., 18; Harrison Sq., 20; Wash'n Village, 22; Auburndale. 24, 25; Newtonville, p. m., 25; Newton, eve., 25; Trement St., Boston, 27; South Boston, Broadway,

Park, 3, 4; Mattepan, p. m., 4; Dedbam, eve., 4; Dorchester, 6; Chelsea, Walant Street, 7; Boston, Temple St., 8; Aliston, 9; W. Quincy, 10, 11; Wollaston, p. m., 11; Appleton Church, eve., 11; East Paston, B. 11, 13; Meridian St., 44; Win-throp, 15; Highlandville, 17, 18; Newton Dpper Falls, p. m., 18; Newton Lower Falls, eve., 18; Chel-sea, Mr. Bellingham, 20; Chelsea, Broadway, 21; Revere St., 22; Everett, 24, 25; Hanover St., p. m., 25; Wash'n Village, eve., 25; Boston, Ruggles St., 27: Sudbury, 3I and April J.

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Jan. — Greene, 6 and 7; Warren, 12; Bristol, 13 and 14; Harrington, 14, eve.; Attleboro', 19; N. Re-hoboth, 30, 21, p. m.; Lane's Station, 21, s. m.; Mansfield, 1st Ch., 22; do, Emmanuel, 23; Hebron-Manshelo, 18. Ca., 22; do, Emmanuel, 23; Hebron-ville, 26; E. Cumberland, 27, 23; Asbury (Prov.), 29, Fab. — Westerly, 3 and 4; Hope Valley, 5; East Greenwich, 6; Chestaut S., 7; Hope, 8; Phenix, 9; Centreville, 10 and 11, a. m.; Washington, 11, p. m.; Mystic, 17 and 18, a. m.; Mystic Bridge, 18, p. m.;

Trinity, 24 and 25; Hope St., 23.

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Jan. — Hillsbore' Bridge, 6, 7, a. m.; Hillsbore' Centre, 7, p. m., 8; Autrim, 18, 18; Deering, 18; Henniker, 18; Contocook, 20, 21, a. m.; Webster, Oct. 18, by Rev. Daniel Richards, 18 Maw, both of it.

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PROGRAMME.

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Tuesday morning, Organization of Conference at 9.30 o'clock, to be followed by reports of Presiding Elder, Preachers, District Stewards, Superintendents and Class-leaders. Afternoon.—What Attitude Should the M. E. Church Assume Toward the Temperance Work? O. M. Cousens, B. Freeman; Is the Tithe System Obligatory upon Christians? T. P. Adams, S. F. Strout, J. H. Trask.
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Brethren, this is to be the last meeting of the Association for the present Conference year; hence it is desirable that every member make an EARNEST EFFORT to be present. If impossible to ttend, please inform the pastor at Waldoboro'.

FALL RIVER DISTRICT CONFERENCE: -The next session is to be held at Brockton. The Presiding Elder will announce the time. The fol-

ternate, J. O. Thompson. Tuesday evening, S. L. Gracey; alternate, J. W. Malcolm. E88ATs,-Rules for Scripture Interpretation, R. Povey, S. H. Day. What constitutes a Minister Inefficient (See Discipline, Sect. 208), J. Live-

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School Methodist; " D. L. Brown, C. Morgan. Of Ridder's "Christiau Pastorate," E. M. Dunham.
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It this city, Nov. 25, by Rev. C. N. Smith, Linus D. Dewey to Miss Isadore York, beth of Boston, 1a Nouth Boston, Dec. 26, by Rev. J. Wamern, both of Boston.

In South Trutes, Dec. 2, by Rev. V. W. Matton, in South Trutes, Mary I. P. Veres best. of Store the Mess. 12 (Nov. 1908).

Nov. 28, at the M. E. Parsonage, Joseph M. Fisher to Miss Laura V. Bickles, both or Haverhill, Mass.

In Portland, Oct. 5, by Rev. W. M. Sterling, W. J. Simpson of New York, to Rosana Dixon, of St. John, N. B., Ot. I. S. W. O. Abbott, of Rockland, to Helen L. Gilbert, of P. Nov. 4, Delbert H. Sargent to Annie M. Kelley, both of P. Nov. 7, Robert Ricker to Lucretia L. Handy, both of P. Nov. 28, Frank B. Richards to Mrs. Addie Marshall, both of P.

In Dramet, Me. Nov. 30, by Rev. G. G. Powers, Dadie L. Filton of D.

In Tremont, Maise, Dec. 3d, by Rev. W. H. Crawford, Mr. Henry E. Day and Mrs. Mabala Holmes, both of T.

In Mystic Bridge, Conn., at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. J. F. Sheffield, assisted by Rev. A. N. Bodfish, Mr. Frank H. Sheffield son of the officiating ciergyman, to Miss Mary A. Hill, daughter of M. C. Hill, Esq.

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